

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Infant and
Maternal Mortality

3b. GSA

Committee No.

769

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/30/2023 09/30/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

2025 Secretary
Directive

8c. Actual Term Date

04/01/2025

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

ACIMM provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning department activities, partnerships, policies, and programs directed at reducing infant mortality, maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and improving the health status of infants and women before, during, and after pregnancy.

01/07/2025 - 01/08/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee met three times in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Two meetings were held in-person, and one was held virtually via webinar. The in-person meetings were held in St. Louis, Missouri and at HRSA Headquarters in Rockville,

Maryland. The Committee is comprised of both voting (public) members and non-voting ex-officio (federal) members.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 21 public members of the Committee, including the Committee Chair, are selected by the Secretary, and a Committee Chair is selected among the members by the HRSA Administrator. Members from the private sector may represent advocacy organizations, corporations, foundations, health plans, and other stakeholder groups such as faith-based communities, consumers, health, and professional organizations. Members from the public sector may include elected officials and health and human services administrators from the state and local levels including representatives of minority, rural, and urban interests. The Committee also has federal ex-officio members that include: the Assistant Secretary for Health or designee; the Director of HHS Office on Women's Health or designee; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health/Director of the Office of Minority Health or designee; the HRSA Administrator or designee; the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities or designee; the Director of CDC's Division of Reproductive Health or designee; a representative from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics; the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or designee; the Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families or designee; a representative from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; a representative from the

Indian Health Service; a representative from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Services; a representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; a representative from the Department of Labor – Women's Bureau; and any appropriately qualified representative of the Department of HHS or other agencies of the federal government designated by the Secretary as ex-officio members. The membership balance of the committee is not static and may change, depending on the work of the committee.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are held approximately four times per year. Committee meetings are necessary to review current evidence and data, and to generate new ideas and recommendations in order to maintain progress on reducing infant and maternal deaths and disparities in infant/maternal mortality. This is addressed through the activities and efforts of a number of workgroups (that are formed on an ad hoc basis), and the discussion of new policies and scientific findings pertaining to maternal and infant health. In addition, the Committee continues to monitor and review the Healthy Start program and its evaluation, as well as Healthy People 2030 objectives. ACIMM advises the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on department activities, partnerships, policies, and programs directed at reducing infant mortality, maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and improving the health status of infants and women before, during, and after pregnancy. The Committee provides advice on how best to coordinate federal, state, local, tribal, and

territorial governmental efforts designed to improve infant mortality, related adverse birth outcomes, and maternal health, as well as influence similar efforts in the private and voluntary sectors. The Committee provides guidance and recommendations on the policies, programs, and resources required to address the disparities and inequities in infant mortality, related adverse birth outcomes and maternal health outcomes, including maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. With its focus on underlying causes of the disparities and inequities seen in birth outcomes for women and infants, the Committee advises the Secretary on the health, social, economic, and environmental factors contributing to the inequities and proposes structural, policy, and/or systems level changes.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is necessary to provide the HHS with ongoing counsel and advice from a broad range of public and private sector expertise not available within HHS. The work of the Committee is especially important in light of the continued rise in preterm births, a major contributor to infant mortality, and the maternal health crisis in the U.S. There is an increased focus and attention on maternal health, maternal mortality, and severe maternal morbidity. In addition disparities in infant and maternal outcomes are persistent and must be addressed.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A - ACIMM meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Per 2025 Secretary Directive this FACA

Committee has been terminated. Member Tara Lee's term end date changed from 12/31/2024 to 10/17/2023 due to resignation from ACIMM. Ex-Officio Iris Mabry-Hernandez term end date changed from 12/31/2024 to 9/29/2023 due to AHRQ no longer being listed in the 2023-2025 Charter as an Ex-officio. Ex-Officio Kamila Mistry term end date changed from 12/31/2025 to 9/29/2023 due to AHRQ no longer being listed in the 2023-2025 Charter as an Ex-officio. Ex-Officio Paul Kesner term end date changed from 12/31/2024 to 9/29/2023 due to Dept. of Education no longer being listed in the 2023-2025 Charter as an Ex-officio. Ex-Officio Suzanne England term end date changed from 12/31/2024 to 10/1/2023 due to Tina Pattara-Lau replacing them from IHS. Ex-Officio Wendy DeCoursey term end date changed from 12/31/2024 to 5/31/2024 due to Anne Miller replacing them from ACF. Ex-Officio member from HHS-OASH added: Deborah Kilday. Ex-Officio member from SAMHSA added: Nima Sheth. Ex-Officio member from HHS-Office of Minority Health added: RDML Felicia Collins Six new public members were appointed by HHS with term start date of June 16, 2024: Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, Hannabah Blue, Charleta Guillory, Marilyn Kacica, Scott Lorch, and Marya Zlatnik.

Designated Federal Officer

Vanessa Lee Public Health Analyst/DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alderman, Sherri	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ampry-Samuel, Alicka	05/30/2023	09/30/2025	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Ex Officio Member

Amutah-Onukagha, Ndidiamaka	06/16/2024	06/15/2028	Julia A. Okoro Professor of Black Maternal Health in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blue, Hannabah	06/16/2024	06/15/2028	Consultant at John Snow, Inc; Dine' (Navajo) person originally from Kirtland, New Mexico, on the edge of the Navajo Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Calvin, Steven	04/26/2019	12/31/2024	Obstetrician-Gynecologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cernich, Alison	09/23/2020	12/31/2024	NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	Ex Officio Member
Collins, Felicia	10/01/2023	10/01/2025	HHS/OASH-Office of Minority Health	Ex Officio Member
Dunn, Caroline	03/28/2023	09/30/2025	Food and Nutrition Service, USDA	Ex Officio Member
Ely, Danielle	01/17/2018	12/31/2024	Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC	Ex Officio Member
Fink, Dorothy	06/04/2020	12/31/2024	DHHS, Office of Women's Health	Ex Officio Member
Goldin, Gayle	06/01/2023	09/30/2025	U.S. Department of Labor	Ex Officio Member
Guillory, Charleta	06/16/2024	06/15/2028	Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Section of Neonatology at Baylor College of Medicine and Director of the Texas Children's Hospital Neonatal-Perinatal Public Health Program	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kacica, Marilyn	06/16/2024	06/15/2027	Medical Director of the Division of Family Health at the New York State Department of Health and a Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University at Albany School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kilday, Deborah	10/01/2023	10/01/2025	DHHS/OASH- Office of Women's Health	Ex Officio Member
Kroelinger, Charlan	07/01/2021	09/30/2025	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Ex Officio Member

Lorch, Scott	06/16/2024	06/15/2028	Kristine Sandberg Knisely Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the Director of Clinical and Epidemiological Research and Associate Chief of the Division of Neonatology at The Children's Hospital DHHS Primary Advisor to the Deputy Assistant and Deputy Director, Office of Women's Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marshall, Rochelle	06/24/2020	12/31/2024	Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Ex Officio Member
Menard, Mary	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Administration for Children and Families, Senior Policy Advisor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Anne	06/01/2024	10/01/2025	Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics	Ex Officio Member
Neyhart, Joy	03/13/2022	03/12/2026	Indian Health Service, Maternal and Child Health Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pattara-Lau, Tina	10/01/2023	10/01/2025	NC Department of Health & Human Services, Division of PH, Branch Head-Women's Health Branch	Ex Officio Member
Pettiford, Belinda	12/15/2022	12/15/2025	Family Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramas, Marie-Elizabeth	03/13/2022	03/12/2026	Director, CDC National Center of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities,	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Remley, Karen	01/01/2021	12/31/2025	Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing	Ex Officio Member
Sharps, Phyllis	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sheth, Nima	10/01/2023	10/01/2025		Ex Officio Member

Thompson, ShaRhonda	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Member of the Public with special concern and expertise about infant mortality	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Warren, Jacob	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zlatnik, Marya	06/16/2024	06/15/2028	Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and close collaborator of UCSF's Program in Reproductive Health and the Environment	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zycherman, Kristen	09/01/2018	12/31/2024	Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 30

Narrative Description

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

151

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations were made in FY2024.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

15%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Committee submitted recommendations to improve American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) birth outcomes in December of 2022. They were reviewed by the Department and continue to be used as agencies think about national efforts and activities across the Department to improve the health and well-being of AI/AN mothers and infants. The ex-officio members met three times (December 2023, April and June 2024) to discuss progress on implementation/adoption of the recommendations in their respective agencies, and they report out at each Committee meeting on activities being undertaken related to the AI/AN recommendations. The DFO and ACIMM Program Lead continue to monitor and assess what recommendations are fully and partially implemented, as well as any that are not feasible. 9 (or 1 additional) of the AI/AN recommendations were fully implemented in FY2024.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

58%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides feedback to the Committee through letters/official written correspondence, which gets posted on the ACIMM website (<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/infant-mortality/letters>) – this is where the public can obtain information on agency feedback. Feedback may also be provided by the Designated Federal Official and/or federal ex-officio members at Committee meetings, which would be captured in the meeting recordings, transcripts, and meeting minutes. These are also all posted on the ACIMM website following a Committee meeting, and accessible to the public. The Committee did not submit any new recommendations in FY2024. However, the Executive Secretary of the Committee, federal Ex-Officio members, and the Designated Federal Official provided updates at each committee meeting in FY2024 on progress related to adoption or implementation of the Committee's past recommendations to HHS - specifically the 2022 recommendations to improve American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) birth outcomes.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments