



NACo's Fall Board of Directors Meeting & Large Urban County Caucus Symposium

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General Session: Federal and Local Policy Solutions for Addressing Maternal Mortality

Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 9:00 – 10:15 AM | Ballroom F-J



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Agenda

- Panel Introduction & Opening Remarks
- Keynote Remarks from Paula Eiselt, Director of *Aftershock*
- Remarks from Chi Chi Okwu, Executive Director, EverThrive Illinois
- Video Remarks from Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL)
- Remarks from Hon. Erica Crawley, Franklin County, Ohio
- Moderated Discussion & Q/A
- Closing Remarks



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Speaking Now:



Ms. Paula Eiselt

Filmmaker



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Ms. Chi Chi Okwu

Executive Director, EverThrive Illinois

EVERTHRIVE ILLINOIS

OUR MISSION

EverThrive Illinois' mission is to achieve reproductive justice in the health care ecosystem through community-driven partnership, policy action, and systems change.

OUR VISION

A just and affirming health care ecosystem where individuals, families, and communities can thrive.

OUR VALUES

- Reproductive Justice
- Anti-Racism
- Centering the Most Impacted
- Bold Action and Transformation

EFFORTS TO REDUCE MATERNAL DEATHS

ADVOCACY WINS

12 –month
postpartum
Medicaid
expansion

Medicaid Coverage
for Doulas

INITIATIVES

Chicago
Collaborative for
Maternal Health

Universal
Newborn Home
Visiting Resource
Support

INITIATIVES

Patient
Engagement
Consultations

Social Service and
Health Care
Provider Trainings

Community Outreach and Engagement



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Speaking Now



Hon. Erica Crawley

Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio



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Erica C. Crawley, J.D. MPA

President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners

Mother, Advocate, Veteran

- Previously represented Ohio's 26th House District and served as a member of the House Finance Committee, Controlling Board, Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, and is a founding member of Ohio's Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Prior to elected office, she worked on behalf of children and families as a CASA volunteer, with the YWCA Head Start/Early Start Program, and the Black Child Development Institute
- Served in the U.S. Navy and is a proud first-generation college graduate. She also holds a J.D. from Capital University Law School and M.P.A. from Walden University





Rise Together Blueprint & Innovation Center

Achieving goals for the Franklin County community

- Community anchor for coordinating short and long-term findings from the blueprint
- Ongoing work to mitigate poverty and foster equitable access
- Staff is responsible for the day-to-day work of convening partners and aligning systems
- Goal #8: Improving maternal and child health among high disparity groups, struggling financially

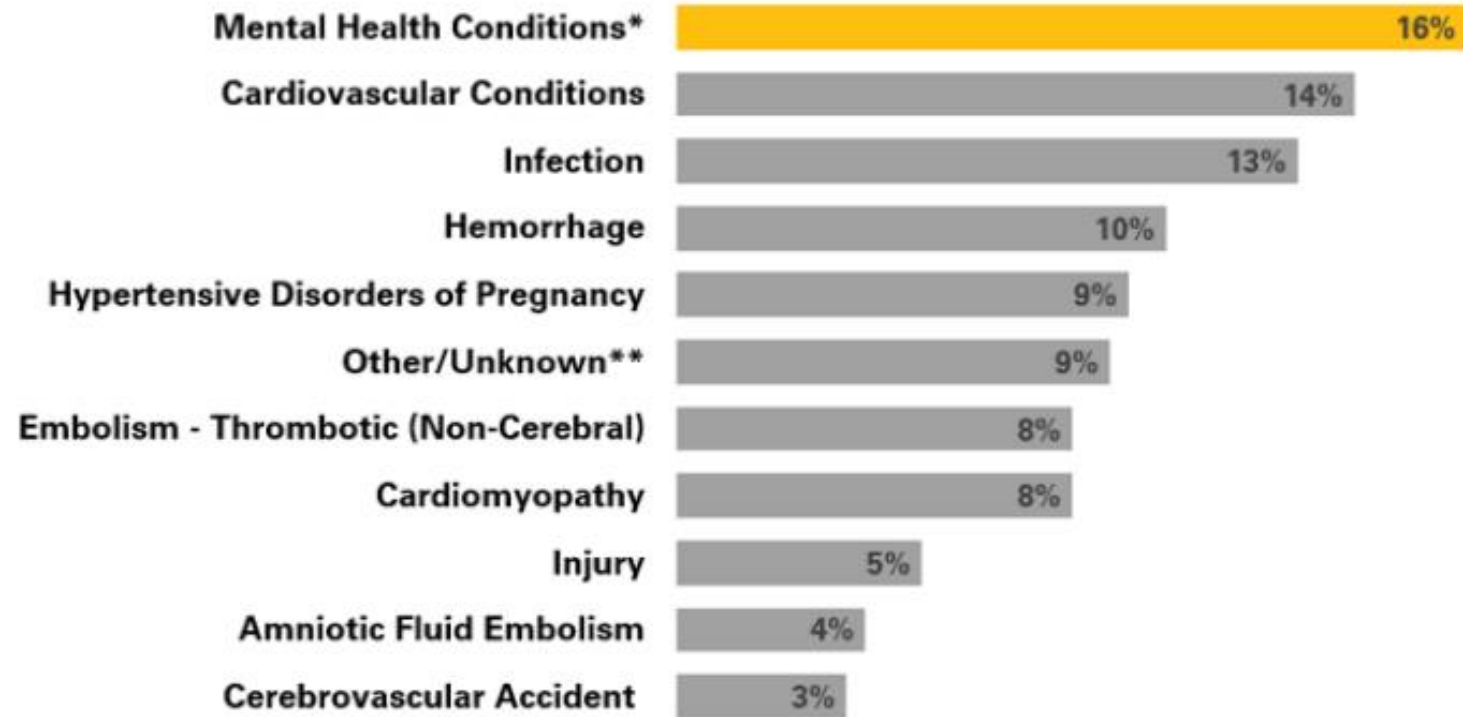
Table 1. Franklin County and Ohio Pregnancy-Associated Deaths by Pregnancy-Relatedness, 2008-2016

Pregnancy-Relatedness	# Franklin County Deaths	Franklin County Mortality Ratio*	# OH Deaths	OH Mortality Ratio*
Pregnancy-Associated (Total)	68	40.8	610	48.2
Pregnancy-Related	27	16.2	186	14.7
Pregnancy-Associated, but Not Related (due to a cause unrelated to pregnancy)	34	20.4	368	29.1
Pregnancy-Associated, but Unable to Determine Pregnancy-Relatedness	7	**	56	4.4

*Deaths per 100,000 live births **Ratios are suppressed when the numerator is less than 10

Resident live births source: ODH Bureau of Vital Statistics, Ohio Resident Live Birth File

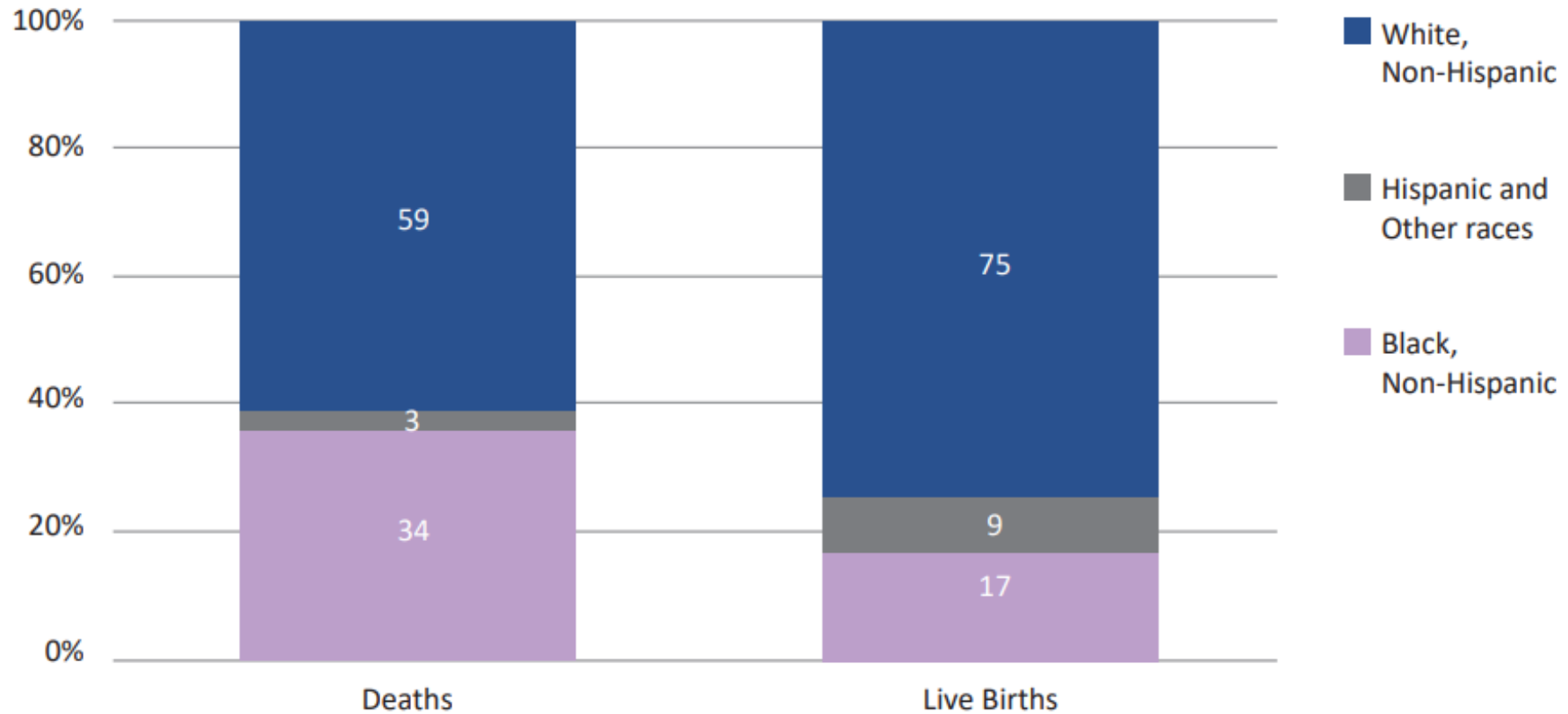
Figure 3. Mental Health Conditions Were the Leading Cause of Pregnancy-Related Deaths in Ohio from 2008-2018.



*Mental health conditions include deaths due to substance use disorder/overdose, depression, anxiety disorder, and other psychiatric conditions.

**Other/Unknown includes deaths due to renal disease, anesthesia complications, autoimmune diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, metabolic/endocrine, neurologic conditions, pulmonary conditions, hematologic conditions, cancer, and unknown causes.

Figure 3. Proportion of Pregnancy-Related Deaths and Live Births by Race / Ethnicity, Ohio 2008-2016



County Investments

FCDJFS/FCPH

- CelebrateOne
- Community Health Workers
- Nurse Led Home Visiting Program
- ROOTT (Doula services)
- Healthy Beginnings at Home
- Credible Minds



CelebrateOne

Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative



- Since 2014, CelebrateOne's charge has been to develop and implement initiatives geared toward reducing and eliminating infant mortality in Franklin County
- In support of this charge, CelebrateOne launched the new Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative (HEIBC) in August of 2021
- During the initial award period, CelebrateOne met the following objectives:
 - Researched and planned the initial partner engagement of the birth center implementation
 - Launched the first Community Advisory Board whose focus is to combat infant mortality while creating a space for women of color with lived experience
 - Developed the training plan for Franklin County perinatal health providers on racial bias and antiracism strategies in partnership with the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes Collaborative
 - Completed the proposal for CelebrateOne's Doula Gap Program—an initiative that links CelebrateOne mothers with Certified Doulas of color free of charge in order to promote better birth outcomes
- The next phase of the HEIBC will include a goal of serving 50 families, increased strategic partnerships, Doula Expansion Program, transportation initiative, and implementation of a Community Innovation HUB

Community Health Workers

FCDJFS Workforce Development Program and FCPH staff



FCDJFS

- Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) and The Ohio State University College of Nursing have partnered to offer a 14-week learning model for Franklin County residents to become CHWs
- One of the goals is to graduate 70 TANF/Title XX eligible applicants from the training program and offer job, career, and educational opportunities upon class completion

FCPH

- Franklin County Public Health employs 12 Community Health Workers that provide wrap-around services to address an individuals' medical and social service needs
- To date, FCPH has served 1,100 local residents, with 60% of the clients either designated as maternal or pregnant clients.

Nurse Led Home Visiting Program



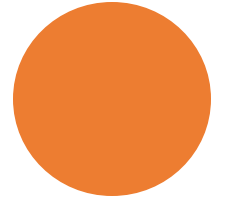
- Funding received from the Franklin County BOC Community Partnership grant since 2020
- Provide home visiting and personalized nurse led care to pregnant and postpartum individuals and their infant(s) up to age 3
- Partnership with Heart of Ohio Family Health, an FQHC, at their City of Whitehall location
- 1 Public Health Nurse and 1 Community Health worker provide services to clients
- Key focus areas include:
 - Infant safe sleep
 - Reducing infant mortality
 - Decreasing preterm births/low birth weight births
 - Decreasing maternal mortality/complications

ROOTT (Restoring Our Own Through Transformation)

- ROOTT, founded in 2017, is a Black family-led reproductive justice organization dedicated to collectively restoring the well-being of Black families through self-determination, re-empowerment, and collaboration
- In March 2022, in partnership with FCPH, the Franklin County BOC provided funding to ROOTT to increase the number of individuals and their families who have access to perinatal doula support services
- Through this collaboration, up to 25 families are anticipated to be served



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Healthy Beginnings at Home



- In 2018, 2-year feasibility pilot project created to enroll 100 families in randomly assigned housing intervention or usual care group
- Housing stability services provided connections to community-based services, development of housing plan including connection to funding from pilot, home visits, crisis intervention services, coordination with CHWs, furnishing of homes
- Partners that provided screening, enrollment, project support, and evaluation:
 - CelebrateOne
 - Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
 - Homeless Families Foundation (HFF)
 - CareSource
 - Nationwide Children's Hospital
 - Children's Healthwatch
 - Health Policy Institute of Ohio
 - StepOne
 - University of Delaware

Credible Minds Platform




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Assessment


What's Your Mental Health Profile?

START 

Topic

Parenting


Find new ways to become a better parent



Topic

Stress


Explore ways to relieve stress and calm worries




Topic


Happiness

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State Advocacy

- HB 42 “Save Our Mothers Act”
 - Establishes continuing education requirements for birthing facility personnel and an initiative to improve birth equity, reduce peripartum racial and ethnic disparities, and address implicit bias in the healthcare system
- HB 142
 - Requires the Ohio Board of Nursing to create a doula certificate, with the input of a Doula Advisory Board and requires the Department of Medicaid and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to create a five-year pilot program to cover doula services
- PAMR codification
 - H.B. 166, the main appropriations act of the 133rd General Assembly, codified the existence of the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Board in the Department of Health
- Post-partum coverage
 - Amendment included in HB 110, the state budget, for the Ohio Department of Medicaid to expand postpartum coverage from 60 days to one year; went into effect in April

Federal Advocacy

NACo Health Steering Committee

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- Resolution on Improving Maternal Health Outcomes
 - Make investments in the perinatal workforce
 - Remove the 5-year sunset on the ARPA provision that would give states the option to extend Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months



QUESTIONS?