

Wisconsin's Participation in the Region V CoIIN to Reduce Infant Mortality (Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network)



Purpose

The federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) of HRSA is sponsoring the national Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (CoIIN) to reduce infant mortality. National and federal partners include the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CityMatCH, and the March of Dimes (MOD).

Region V states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin) have joined the 13 states in Regions IV and VI, "to find what works... and scale up to the best interventions at the national level." The CoIIN will employ the science of continuous quality improvement (CQI), a shared workspace online, and a data dashboard (correspondence from Dr. Michael Lu, Associate Administrator for MCH).

Wisconsin's Participation

May-July 2012: Wisconsin was invited to participate and the Title V/MCH Director and MCH Medical Director attended Regions IV and VI meeting in Washington, D.C.

July 2012-February 2013: Orientation was provided to MCH staff; leadership partners included the Medicaid Medical Director, State Health Officer, CityMatCH, March of Dimes, and UWSPH LIHF.

March 2013: Region V states drafted priority strategies at Region V Infant Mortality Summit in Chicago; see <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/infantmortalitysummit2013.html> for the summit materials and webcast.

June 2013: At a meeting of the Joint MCH Advisory Committee and Statewide Advisory Committee on Disparities in Birth Outcomes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, partners received an orientation to CoIIN and drafted Wisconsin-specific activities for an infant mortality plan, as a supplement to the Wisconsin Healthiest Women's Initiative *Statewide Framework for Improving Women's Health*.
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/PO/P00535.pdf>

June 2013: Secretary Kitty Rhoades requested a departmental goal to reduce infant mortality, which will include CoIIN efforts.

August 2013: Supplemental SSDI short-term grant funds were received from MCHB to support more frequent and timely access to provisional vital statistics for rapid PDSA evaluation of CoIIN.

October 2013: Regions IV, V, and VI attended the CoIIN meeting in Washington D.C. to network and hear lessons learned from Regions IV and VI and to finalize the four Region V priority strategies on:
(1) Early Elective Deliveries,
(2) Pre/Interconception Health,
(3) SIDS/SUID/Safe Sleep, and
(4) Social Determinants.
They chose state liaisons to Region V Strategy Teams (Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin joined the leadership team).

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Next Steps (approximately for the next 6-12 months)

1. Consultants to MCHB will form four Regional Strategy Teams and will choose team leaders for content expertise, data, and technical assistance. They will contact state liaisons for next steps.
2. Wisconsin state leadership team will continue to inform and recruit partners and discuss aligning Wisconsin's activities with the Region V CoIIN strategies.
3. Federal CoIIN Consultants will contact Wisconsin liaisons with the Region V meeting/conference call schedule.
4. Interested Wisconsin parties will convene in early 2014 to document state-specific activities and collect data that align with the regional priorities of the CoIIN, CQI, and PDSA.
5. Provide periodic updates to interested parties in Wisconsin through (but not limited to) the Healthy Birth Outcomes web site, <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/healthybirths/>, and annually at the joint meeting of the MCH Advisory Committee and Statewide Advisory Committee on Disparities in Birth Outcomes.

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