

Maternal Health Disparities: The Women Behind the Data

A 5-Part Webinar Series



FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
12:00PM ET – 1:00PM ET

Purpose

- This event is the second of five public webinars organized by the [Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society](#) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine with support from the [Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education](#). Topic areas for discussing maternal health disparities are framed by the social determinants of health, in areas such as mental health, the work of doulas, implicit bias, community-based organizations and models, active-duty service women, and trust in health care.
- In this webinar, speakers and panelists will explore health system support for historically marginalized pregnant women through innovative community-based organizations & community-based models of care.
- The webinar will be publicly broadcasted [HERE](#). A proceedings-in-brief, *Maternal Health Disparities: The Women Behind the Data*, will be published by the National Academies Press summarizing the five-part webinar series.

Innovative Community-based Organizations & Community-based Models of Care

12:00–12:05 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Cat Dymond

Midwife, Atlanta Birth Center and Founder, Earthseed Midwifery LLC

Member of the Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society

12:05–12:10 **Framing the Discussion**

Karen A. McDonnell

Associate Professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University

12:10–12:20 **Disparities data: Root causes and the evidence for community-based models**

Natalie D. Hernandez-Green

Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology & Executive Director, Center for Maternal Health Equity

12:20–12:30 **Midwifery care, birth centers and home births**

Emilia Iwu

Assistant Dean, Center for Global Health, School of Nursing, Rutgers University

12:30–12:40 Innovative Models for Birth Equity

Brandi Desjolais

Director, Black Maternal Health Center of Excellence, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

12:40–12:55 Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator: Karen A. McDonnell

- **Natalie Hernandez**
- **Emilia Iwu**
- **Brandi Desjolais**

12:55–1:00 Closing

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MEETING ADJOURS