DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2025 MINUTES PREPARED BY: LINDA KOPECKY

Meeting structure

- 1. The facilitator shares essential information about the responsibility to be discussed
- 2. The group unpacks the responsibility, typically in small groups
- 3. Discussions are summarized, themes, connections, remaining questions identified
- 4. The group identifies key points from the discussion to document in meeting notes, chooses the topic for the next CoP meeting, and lists relevant action items

Discussion: Maternal, Child, and Family Health

Our takeaways:

- The funding for MCH is very specific, which can create barriers to engaging in this work with a lens to what is foundational the distinct programs silo off staff, funding, and activities.
- There is a lot to learn from the staff working in MCH, about social determinants of health, about trends, about access to care, etc.
- Best practices aren't a simple recipe for success, but they will evolve and change over time, or they need to be designed for certain groups of people with specific needs or history. When we transition to a new best practice, we can lose trust.
- Best practices need to be defined as opposed to fleeting "flavors of the month".
- There is a clear need to spotlight foundational work that is happening within what is traditionally considered direct service.

Next meeting: Equity

Date: February 12, 2025 Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: Teams

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