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CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY
 California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review

Background

The California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) is a project of the California Department of Public Health’s (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division in collaboration with the Public Health Institute (PHI), and the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC). CA-PAMR seeks to determine the causes of maternal mortality in California and to identify public health and clinical interventions to reduce maternal mortality and associated racial/ethnic disparities.

CA-PAMR Committee

The CA-PAMR Committee is a multidisciplinary, volunteer committee comprised of expert clinicians from around the state. Committee members are experienced health professionals who possess the needed technical expertise in their respective fields. Therefore, owing to their status as leaders in maternity care, it is reasonable to anticipate that conflicts of interest may arise for individuals on the CA-PAMR Committee. Guidance is provided below for such situations.

CA-PAMR Conflict of Interest Policy

A conflict of interest exists when a Committee member has a financial, professional or personal interest that could directly affect findings or recommendations developed by the CA-PAMR project. CDPH and its collaborators seek to avoid being in the position in which others could reasonably question, discredit, or dismiss the findings and recommendations from CA-PAMR on the basis of conflicts of interest. To ensure the integrity of the CA-PAMR project, CDPH and its collaborators, CA-PAMR Committee members will adhere to the following procedures:

1. Each Committee member shall submit to CDPH a signed “Confidential Conflict of Interest Disclosure” statement disclosing any financial, professional, or personal conflicts of interest relevant to the activities of CA-PAMR.
2. Should an issue arise within the proceedings of the CA-PAMR case review that constitutes a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, for a Committee member, the affected Committee member shall disclose the possible conflict of interest and not participate in the development of findings or recommendations related to that issue.
3. If a CA-PAMR Committee member is unclear or has doubt as to whether a specific issue constitutes a conflict of interest, the Committee member should err on the side of caution to ensure that the potential conflict does not affect the credibility of the findings or recommendations developed by CA-PAMR.

I understand and agree to adhere to the conflict of interest policies of CA-PAMR.

 Signature

 Date

