

## Background and Overview

The Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) is a multi-disciplinary committee focused on reviewing causes of maternal death in Colorado. The committee and associated efforts are housed within the Maternal Wellness Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Maternal mortality includes deaths occurring during pregnancy up through one year post delivery. Information is gathered from death certificates, medical records, autopsy reports, and other pertinent sources of information. Records are abstracted by a trained abstractor and de-identified case summaries are reviewed by the MMRC.

The MMRC currently operates on a three year delay. So, in 2014 the MMRC will be reviewing deaths that occurred in 2011.

This review process is intended to be educational and prevention-oriented in nature. The goals of the committee's reviews and associated maternal mortality work are to:

1. Identify trends and risk factors for pregnancy-related death in Colorado
2. Identify preventable risk factors
3. Develop strategies for prevention or intervention

The review is being conducted pursuant to C.R.S.25-1.5-102(II), C.R.S. 25-1-122(2) and Board of Health rules and regulations pertaining to the reporting of selected causes of morbidity and mortality in Colorado (6 CCR-1009-8). The Department of Public Health and Environment may have access, without patient consent, to medical records of fatalities that occur in association with pregnancy or for up to one year postpartum for which an autopsy was not performed or the Department determines was insufficient to fully determine the risk factors for the death.

If you have further questions about maternal mortality, please contact:

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MMRC members are expected to commit to reviewing one year of deaths (which should take one year to complete). Upon completion of that first year, members can choose to continue on with the MMRC.

The MMRC currently meets bimonthly from 7:30-9 am at CDPHE. Meeting dates for 2014 include:

January 29  
March 26  
May 28  
July 30  
September 24  
November 19

Most MMRC members will be expected to attend all meetings. However, certain expertise will only be needed for a handful of cases and those members will be notified of the meeting dates they will be expected to attend.

## Maternal Mortality Review Committee Application -- Demographics

### 1. Contact Information

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### 2. Title and Credentials

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### **3. Are you able to attend the MMRC meetings?**

**The MMRC meets at CDPHE (4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246) from 7:30-9.**

**Meeting dates for 2014 include:**

**January 29**

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**Currently, due to the information reviewed, MMRC members will need to attend in person in order to partake in the meetings. Staff are looking into teleconference capability, and will hopefully be able to propose that at future meetings.**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure at this time

Comments:

## Maternal Mortality Review Application -- Questions

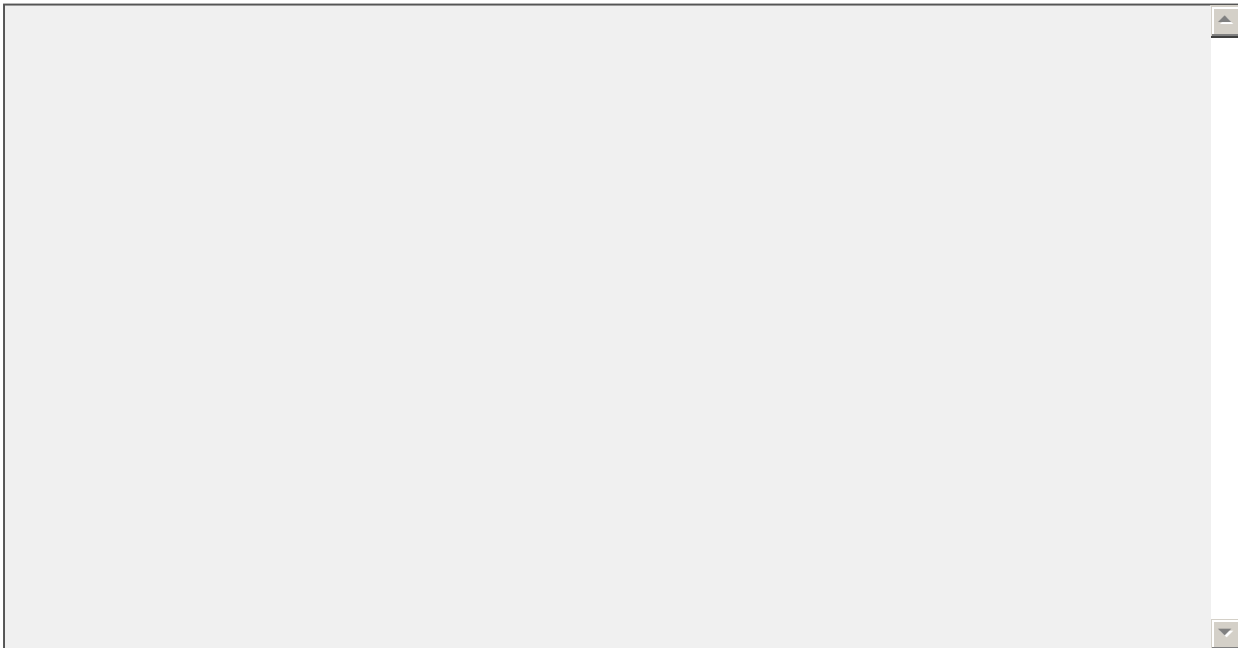
Currently, the MMRC is in need of the following type(s) of experts/expertise:

1. Mental health with specific expertise in perinatal mood disorders
2. Reproductive psychiatry
3. Substance abuse treatment with a focus on women's treatment and/or pregnant/postpartum substance use.
4. Interpersonal violence
5. Coroner (from outside Denver County)
6. Public health expertise in the areas of substance use, suicide and interpersonal violence

With this information in mind, please provide brief responses to the below questions. This information will be used to determine appropriate fit and expertise for the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

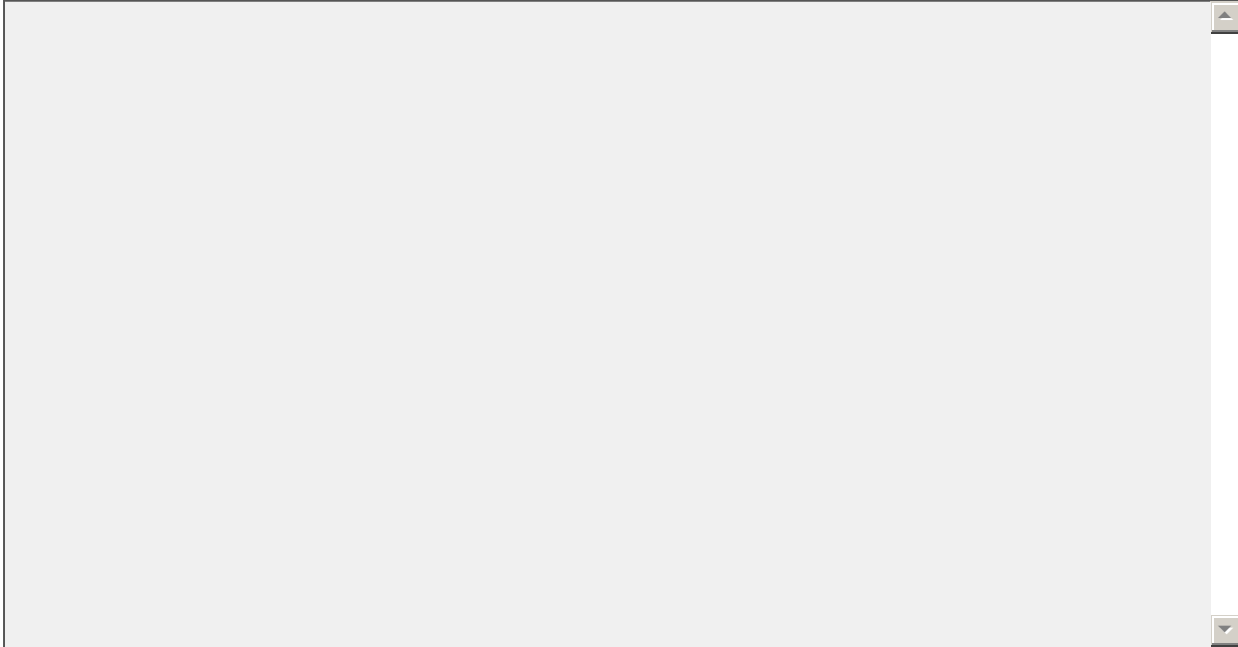
If your expertise falls outside of the previously defined areas, please provide a brief explanation as to how your expertise will be beneficial to the efforts.

### **4. Describe your area(s) of work/expertise.**



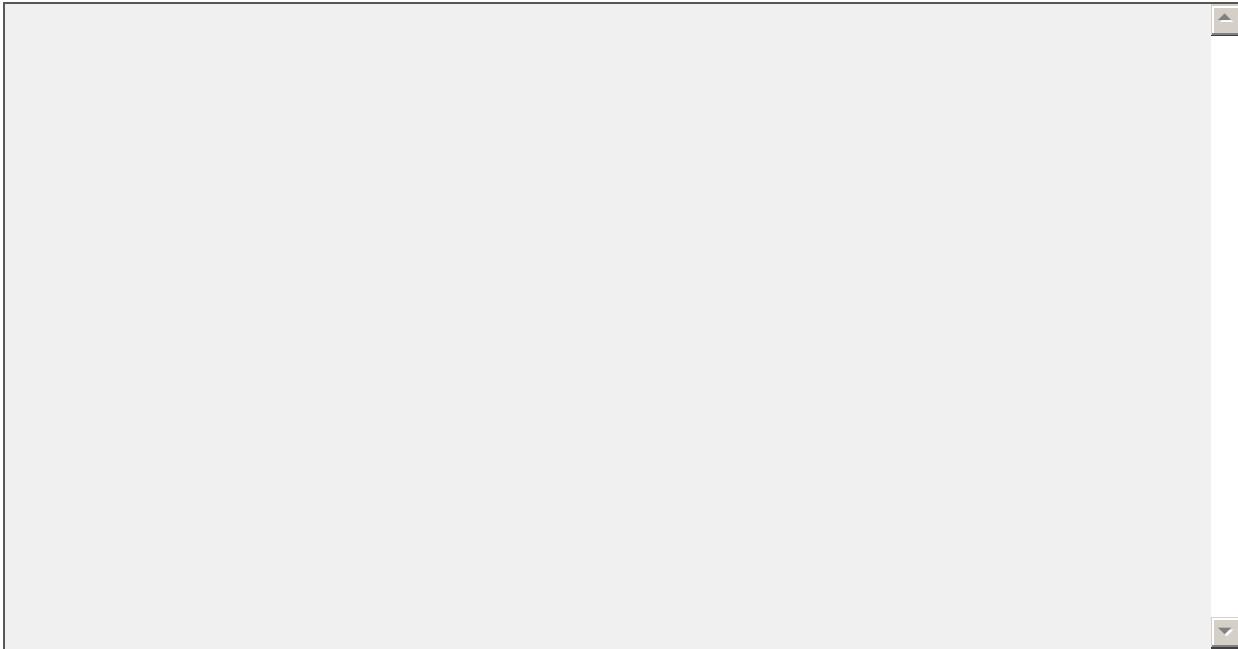
**5. What agency(ies), populations, groups or other voices will you represent as a MMRC member?**

**This may include the place you work, the type of professional you are, professional organizations you are connected with, other committee(s) you sit on, geographic location where you work, or additional pertinent areas of representation.**

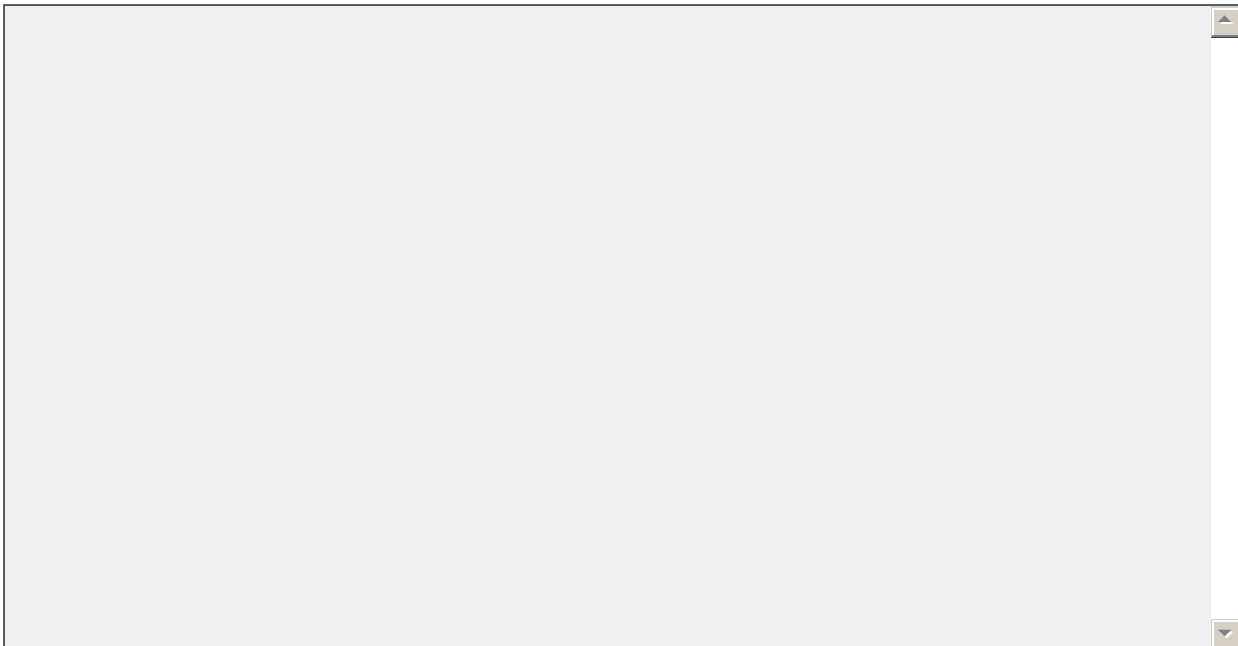


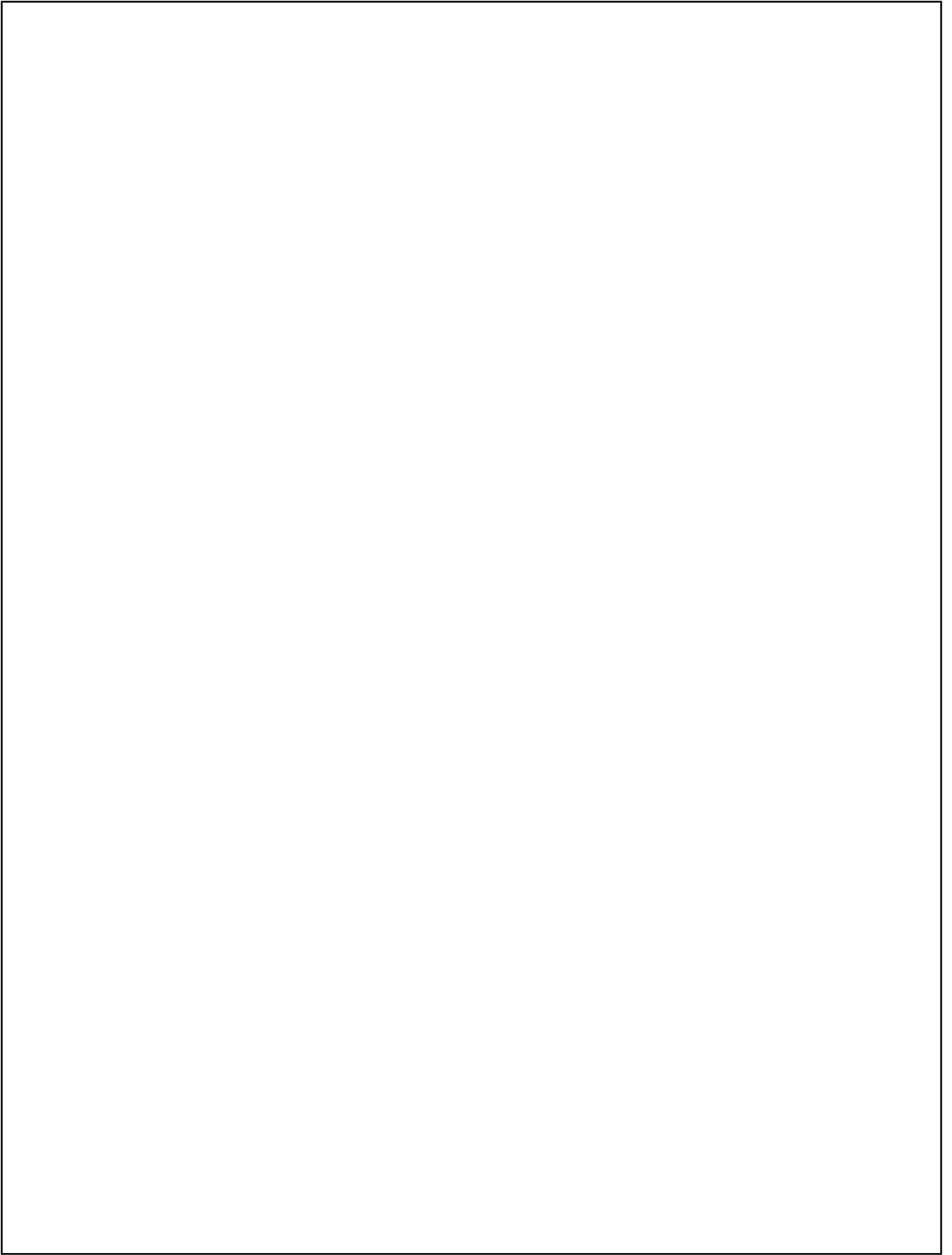
**6. The MMRC committee members may be called upon to support translating maternal mortality data into actionable recommendations that will be carried out beyond the review meetings. Thus, it is helpful for members of the committee to have direct or indirect influence within their professional and/or personal lives. This may include having a position of authority at work, being engaged in a professional organization, sitting on another committee charged with making decisions or recommendations, etc.**

**Describe your level of influence. For this question, "influence" is defined as the ability to have an effect on an environment, process or decision that may be happening around you.**



**7. Is there anything you hoping to receive for your service on the committee? In other words, how can this experience be mutually rewarding for you?**







## Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in the Maternal Mortality Review Committee!

You will receive notification about your membership as soon as it is reviewed.

If you have further questions about this opportunity or the state's work, please contact:

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