SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2026
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Anchor Site: 1351 W. North Street, Suite 103 Dover, DE 19904

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. Garrett Colmorgen
Donna Monroe
Corie Dalton
Jennifer Pulcinella
Lisa Savino
Ana Bueno
Nadia Lazarczyk
Corie Dalton
Shebra Hall
Michelle Statham, DSHA
Vivian Wiggins (DSHA)
Jacqueline Corbin-Armstrong
Alexis Solano
Michelle Statham, DSHA
Alex Wynn (she/her)
Sara Paris

Tavanya Lockett
Karen. McGloughlin
Number of public members in attendance: Lisa Rice. *Full sign-in list stored with DPH meeting records.*

Rebeka Romanos-Pierce RN DFH
Erin Nescott
Dave Hack - Tiny Steps St Francis
Nadia Lazarczyk
Ray Fitzgerald
Cynthia Guy
Nadia Lazarczyk
Emily Haas Katzen
Rebeka Romanos-Pierce RN DFH
Garrett Colmorgen

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Julius Mullen

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENT:
Leah Jones
Dr. Naa
Dede Hesse

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TOPIC	FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	ACTIONS & FOLLOW-UP
I.Call to Order	The Social Determinants of Health Committee convened virtually on September 3, 2026. Members were welcomed, the meeting purpose was reviewed, and the Committee proceeded with agenda items focused on maternal health barriers, food and transportation access, and implementation of the housing pilot program for pregnant individuals.	Committee Co-Chair	Resolved	No further action required.

II. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the June 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Dr. Colmorgen moved a motion to approve the minutes with the correction on the date from January 4, 2026 to June 4, 2026. Move a motion to Dr. Colmorgen, Sara Paris seconded. Minutes were approved.	Committee Co-Chair	Resolved	No further action required.
III. Maternal Health Ecosystem Pilots	Ana presented research on maternal health barriers and emerging integrated maternal health ecosystem models. Examples included the Atlanta Maternal Health Ecosystem Pilot, Cleveland Nourishing Beginnings, Minnesota Healthy Pregnancy Meals pilot, and Delaware Medicaid Section 1115 postpartum nutrition efforts. The presentation highlighted transportation and food barriers affecting prenatal care and discussed potential Delaware pilots such as pregnancy food and ride navigation, home-delivered pregnancy food boxes, MCO pregnancy support bundles, and maternal resource navigation tools. Committee discussion focused on feasibility, trusted entry points such as WIC, Medicaid, and community health workers, and alignment with the housing implementation work currently underway.	Ana Bueno	In Progress	Ana will share the slides and research materials with Committee members after the meeting.
IV. Food Insecurity and Food is Medicine Updates	Erin reported on updates to the food map resource, which is now partially supported by Rural Health Funds, and suggested exploring food needs for women participating in the housing pilot program. Leah recommended incorporating food insecurity questions into the housing pilot evaluation and monitoring the HRSA Food is Medicine grant opportunity. Ana noted that Lauren Butcher oversees the Food is Medicine project focused on rural Delaware, including Kent and Sussex Counties, and raised the need to clarify potential overlap with the housing pilot evaluation.	Erin Nescott; Ana Bueno; Leah Jones	In Progress	Erin will share the updated food map link and follow up with Ana on potential partnerships. Ana will email Lauren Butcher regarding the Food is Medicine grant and possible support for pregnant women under the pilot.

V. Transportation Voucher Research	Erin shared research on use of Uber and Lyft vouchers in health-related studies and identified two to three contacts who have implemented similar transportation support programs, including programs serving stroke survivors. The Committee discussed the potential feasibility of transportation vouchers or navigation supports to address barriers for pregnant and postpartum individuals, while noting the need to understand implementation requirements, eligibility, funding, and administrative processes.	Erin Nescott	In Progress	Erin will reach out to identified contacts regarding feasibility of Uber/Lyft voucher programs for transportation support.
VI. Pregnant Families Housing Voucher Pilot	The Committee discussed implementation of the housing voucher pilot for 20 pregnant families in Delaware. DPH has purchased vouchers, and two organizations—the Hope Center and Delaware Affordable Housing Group—will each offer 10 housing units statewide. Discussion included referral processes through DPH clinics, eligibility verification, housing resources in high-risk zones, clarification of roles and workflow, and the implementation workgroup's schedule of biweekly virtual meetings and monthly in-person meetings. The Committee also discussed evaluation and data collection needs, including potential data-sharing coordination or MOUs with MCOs.	Ana Bueno; Leah Jones; Housing Implementation Workgroup	In Progress	Ana and Leah will organize a meeting to discuss evaluation methodology, data needs, and potential MOUs with MCOs for the housing pilot.

VII. MCO Care Coordination Enrollment Process	Emily raised concerns that patients may not be connected to MCO care coordinators. Ana explained that DPH clinics will support eligibility and enrollment, including Medicaid enrollment navigation and connection to appropriate care coordination when patients choose to participate. Leah and Ana clarified that MCO care coordination is voluntary and that patients must agree to participate. Emily suggested providing additional information to patients about care coordination benefits so they can make informed decisions.	Ana Bueno; Leah Jones; Emily Haas Katzen	In Progress	Ana will bring the discussion of materials needed for care coordination to the implementation workgroup.
VIII. Program Implementation Communication Needs	Jennifer emphasized that successful implementation depends on effective communication and presentation by staff who can clearly explain available supports. The Committee discussed challenges related to trusted sources of information, possible confusion from multiple points of contact, and the need for clear materials that explain support services available to pregnant individuals.	Implementation Workgroup	In Progress	Committee members will share materials and feedback with the implementation workgroup to support care coordination and participant communication.
IX. Public Comment and Website Concerns	Lisa Rice provided public comment expressing concerns about the Committee's website messaging related to pregnancy. Leah clarified that the website focuses on access and quality healthcare and noted that the state's Title 10 family planning grant prohibits promoting or coercing abortion. The Committee agreed to review the written submission and follow up regarding the specific website concerns raised.	Leah Jones	Open	Leah will follow up on the public comment, review the written submission, and address concerns as appropriate.

X. Next Meeting	The Committee discussed the next meeting date and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2026. Ana will verify and send the meeting invitation to all members.	Ana Bueno	Open	Ana will verify and send the November 5 meeting invitation to members.

Minutes prepared by: Ana Bueno
Minutes reviewed by: Ray Fitzgerald and Dr. Julius Mullen
Minutes reviewed and submitted by: Ray Fitzgerald

Minutes approved by: Pending next quarterly meeting

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Thursday November 5, 2026