



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP MEMBERS

The role of a Fetal & Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Community Action Group (CAG) member is to be the “champion for change” for the fetal & infant death review program. Information collected in the family interviews and the medical abstractions is summarized, then reviewed and analyzed by the Case Review Team (CRT) who create recommendations to improve our community’s service delivery system and resources. These recommendations are sent to the CAG to:

- ❖ Develop and implement a FIMR Action Plan consisting of new and creative solutions to improve services and resources for families
- ❖ Enhance the credibility and visibility of issues related to women, infants, and families within the broader community by informing the community about the need for these actions
- ❖ Work with the community to implement interventions to improve services and resources
- ❖ Determine if the needs of the community are changing over time (periodically fed by CRT findings) and decide which interventions should be added or altered to meet them
- ❖ Safeguard successful systems changes initiated by FIMR that have been implemented from being discontinued in the future

WHAT CAG MEMBERS DO:

- The CAG is comprised of two types of members:
 - those who have the political will and fiscal resources to create large-scale systems change, and
 - those who can define a community perspective on how to best create the desired change in the community
- CAG members enhance the health and well-being of women, infants, and families in your community by improving the resources and services systems available to them by:
 - Reviewing the findings and recommendations from the CRT
 - Developing a FIMR Action Plan based on those recommendations
 - Implementing the FIMR Action Plan
 - Providing Continuous Quality Improvement of implemented strategies

DEVELOPING A FIMR ACTION PLAN

1. **Prioritizing recommendations.** *Based on the findings and recommendations presented by the CRT and a review of the vital statistics data, what are the overarching needs present in the community? Are there any needs particular to one or only a few cases that are so pressing they must be addressed at once?*
2. **Developing an action plan.** *How can the recommendations be addressed? What organizations represented at the CAG have jurisdiction over these issues? What issues are outside of the entities present? Who else needs to be at the table?*



3. **Setting a time frame.** Action time frames may be short term (less than one year) or long term (more than one year)
4. **Maintaining some type of work plan for action.** Work with FIMR staff to create and maintain a work plan with action steps for completing tasks on the FIMR Action Plan
5. **Monitoring Progress.** CAG members report to the team on progress of implementing actions at each quarterly meeting
6. **Informing the larger community about the need for action and FIMR successes.** *When and how will the community hear about the plan and its successes?*
7. **Keep track of successful ongoing FIMR systems changes.** Continuous Quality Improvement for sustainability
8. **Determine if the community's needs are changing over time.** *Should actions be added or altered to meeting these changing needs? Are old problems recurring?*

WHAT CAG MEMBERS ARE COMMITTING TO:

- A one-time virtual, self-paced FIMR training
- One, 1-2 hour meeting once per quarter
- Time and resources to implement an Action Plan created by the team
- CAG may respond to issues that are broad or politically complex and/or may change over time, so time and resources needed to implement change could vary

NEXT STEPS:

- Introductory meeting being planned for early **January 2023**
- First **Case Review Team (CRT)** meeting to take place at the end of **January 2023**
- First **Community Action Group (CAG)** meeting to take place in **March 2023**
- **Have questions?** Contact Shelly Vickers at svickers@wellflorida.org or 352-313-6500 x8032
- **Ready to become part of the team?** Please use QR code below for next steps or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022FIMRCAG>

