



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Women's Council

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WISCONSIN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 * 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 225 NW

Kris Martinsek, Chair

1. Call to Order & Welcome

2. Executive Director's Report

3. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach Committee (Lidbury) WBE programs
- b. 25th Anniversary Committee (Lidbury)
- c. LEAP Conference (Lidbury)
- d. Wisconsin Summit on Teen Dating & Sexual Violence (Smith)
- e. Women Soar (Smith)

4. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Wisconsin Birth Outcomes:
Data Trends, Evidence Base, and Best Practices

Patrice Onheiber
Program Director, Disparities in Birth Outcomes
Division of Public Health
Department of Health and Family Services

Elimination of health disparities constitutes an overarching goal of the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*. Perhaps the most disturbing health disparity in Wisconsin is the persistent high death rate of infants born to African American women. Infants born to African American women in Wisconsin have been 3-4 times more likely to die before their first birthday than infants born to white women. Further, during the past 20 years, virtually no decline has occurred in Wisconsin's African American infant mortality rate. Disparities also exist among American Indian, Laotian/Hmong and Hispanic populations in Wisconsin.

The Women's Council is a member of the statewide advisory committee on Eliminating Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Health Birth Outcomes, led by DHFS.

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4. Presentations & Discussions - continued

- b. Women's Council Logo Design
- c. Discussion on Opportunities for Engagement (Gerrard)

5. Public Comments and Announcements

For additional information, contact: Christine Lidbury, Executive Director at 608-266-2219 or by email at christine.lidbury@wisconsin.gov.

Women's Council Committees

- ♦ Regional Outreach Committee, Rep. Joan Ballweg and Linda Vanden Plas, Co-Chairs
- ♦ 25th Anniversary Committee, Jane Clark, Chair
- ♦ Governor's Trailblazer Award Committee, Kris Martinsek, Chair

Women's Council Representatives on External Committees

- ♦ Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, Ann Peggs
- ♦ Lt. Governor's Task Force on Women & Depression, Christine Lidbury
- ♦ Statewide Advisory Committee on Eliminating Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Birth Outcomes (DFHS), Christine Lidbury
- ♦ Milwaukee Women inc, Kris Martinsek & Dr. Joan Prince
- ♦ Wisconsin Women's Network's Women & the Criminal Justice System Task Force, Christine Lidbury
- ♦ Women Soar Program/EAA Oshkosh, Heather Smith
- ♦ Status of Girls in Wisconsin Report - Speakers Bureau/Outreach, Christine Lidbury

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