WEST VIRGINIA SHHIMMR



West Virginia Syphilis, Hepatitis, and HIV Infant Mortality and Morbidity Review

About the Program

West Virginia SHHIMMR uses the Fetal Infant Morbidity Review methodology to conduct enhanced reviews of congenital syphilis (CS), perinatal hepatitis, and perinatal human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in West Virginia.

Participants of SHHIMMR's quarterly meetings will review cases to identify missed opportunities for disease intervention and barriers to medical care engagement that may have contributed to a CS, perinatal HIV, or perinatal hepatitis diagnosis.

You Can Help

- Join the Case Review Team (CRT) or the Community Action Team (CAT) to offer input and make a difference.
- Looking for CRT and CAT members from diverse backgrounds and disciplines.
- The CRT reviews cases, summarizes findings, then offers recommendations.
- The CAT uses CRT recommendations to push for changes and improvements.
- Membership is completely voluntary, and nurses can receive Continuing Education (CNE) credits for attending. More information on that <u>HERE</u>.

Meeting Content

- A summary of 1-3 cases are presented.
- The CRT will examine de-identified information on clinical care provided to the pregnant person and baby, medical record information, general infant care, living circumstances, etc.
- The CRT will discuss each case, identify missed opportunities, and make recommendations.
- Notes from CRT meetings will be presented to the CAT and used to determine the best actions to take for improvement.
- CAT actions include forming new coalitions and legislative committees, improving existing initiatives, and individual actions.

Discussion points include:

- Did the pregnant person and infant receive appropriate clinical testing and care?
- Did the pregnant person and infant utilize all the social services or community resources that they needed?
- What can be done in the future for better health outcomes for the pregnant person and infant?

Contact Information

If you would like to be involved or are interested in more information click <u>here</u> or contact:

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