

MCH-MRN E-News Update: November 2018

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Welcome!

This is the first in a series of monthly e-newsletters providing updates and information for the Maternal and Child Health Measurement Research Network (MCH-MRN) led by the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI). The MCH-MRN is a multi-disciplinary, collaborative network of experts who represent the MCH lifespan and who are active in the measurement of health and well-being of MCH populations.

To participate in this network, we invite and encourage you to complete the [MCH MRN engagement tool](#).

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In this first edition of MCH-MRN E-News you will find information about and links to:

- **Summary report on the August 2018 MCH-MRN Annual Meeting**
- **MCH-MRN Strategic Measurement Agenda**
- **Upcoming December 10th EnRICH webinar on measuring family engagement**
- **MCH-MRN Engagement Tool to learn about and participate in the network.**

MCH-MRN Annual Meeting Engages Stakeholders, Sets Priorities for Action

The MCH-MRN provides a platform to: inspire, support, coordinate, and advance efforts related to MCH measurement; promote measurement innovation and shared accountability; and improve outcomes and systems performance on behalf of the nation's children, youth, and families. Engaging leaders and stakeholders is a key activity.

On August 1-2, 2018, the MCH-MRN Year 2 Annual Meeting took place in Washington, DC, convening a

The following areas were the focus for the meeting:

1. *Positive and Relational Health*
2. *Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)*
3. *Family Engagement*
4. *Women's and Perinatal Health*
5. *Value in Child Health.*


Meeting discussions identified opportunities with important implications for the MCH-MRN. In particular, participants called for efforts to advance measurement of child and family well-being and to align across topics using measurement strategies that support a holistic, ecological, and life course approach to improving MCH outcomes.

Participants also emphasized the importance of measurement related to equity and SDOH as cross-

multidisciplinary and diverse group of MCH experts and stakeholders. The objectives of the meeting were to: 1) continue building a shared vision, framework, and strategic agenda for MCH measurement, 2) cultivate MCH-MRN strategic priorities and opportunities, and 3) advance Technical Working Groups (TWGs) in alignment with the MCH-MRN Strategic Agenda.

[Download](#) a report summarizing the MCH-MRN Annual Meeting.

cutting issues, across MCH populations, programs, clinical practice, administrative agency levels, and other measurement activities. Progress was made toward development of a tool for measuring family engagement in systems, not only direct services. In addition, another theme focused on the urgent need to develop and apply measures of value in child health in order to guide effective value-based purchasing approaches in MCH.



MCH-MRN Strategic Agenda

The MCH-MRN Strategic Measurement Agenda:

- Aims to improve MCH measurement and its application toward better health and well-being for MCH populations
- Is based input from network members and identified gaps and opportunities
- Makes recommendations for action to promote effective use of measures and fill gaps
- Sets short-term, actionable priorities
- Promotes shared accountability and the development, harmonization, and alignment of measures
- Guides translation into policy, programs, and practice

[Download](#) the most recent MCH-MRN Strategic Agenda and find more resources at the [MCH-MRN web portal](#).

Join us for EnRICH Webinar on Measuring Family Engagement



The next Engaging Research Innovations and Challenges (EnRICH) Webinar will focus on measuring family engagement. Measures on family engagement and family-centered issues in maternal and child health research are needed to adapt to a rapidly changing U.S. healthcare system.

Join us **Monday, December 10, 2019**
from 1:30 -2:30 pm eastern time to learn more.

Register at:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4631291/enrich201812>

Presenters

Christina Bethell, PHD, MBA, MPH, is a Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and founding director of the CAHMI. She is Principal Investigator of the MCH-MRN.

Clarissa Hoover, MPH, is a Project Director at Family Voices and started advocating for patients, families, and quality health care shortly after her daughter's diagnosis with cystic fibrosis in 2005. She has served as family faculty for residents and nursing students and has co-founded or joined three Advisory Councils supporting family-centered care at the University of New Mexico Hospital and Health Sciences Center.

The EnRICH webinar series features special topics on maternal and child health (MCH) research and practice including applied research and emerging issues affecting the MCH population. EnRICH webinar topics are interdisciplinary and attract a broad range of MCH professionals. EnRICH webinars are hosted by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Office of Epidemiology and Research, Division of Research.

We're Listening: Tell us more about how we can serve and engage you

MCH-MRN members contribute to setting a strategic agenda, collaborate to address MCH measurement gaps and needs, and receive resources and information relevant to MCH measurement

[Please fill out our engagement tool](#) to learn more about the MCH-MRN, help us understand how you would like to be engaged in the MCH-MRN, and how best to keep you informed about network activities.



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