



NM Office of African American Affairs (OAAA)

AA Infant Mortality Pilot – Timeline 2012 - 2015

September 2012: OAAA holds a community summit. Approximately 130 people attend and priority areas and teams are formed to address disparities in health, economics and education. The teams are open to the public and all who attend the 2012 summit are invited to participate.

May 2013: OAAA Health Implementation Team sets several priority areas of focus to address health disparities, including infant mortality. There were 22 organizational members of this team by May 2013.

July 2013: OAAA Health Implementation Team invited by the New Mexico Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee to present on African American health: OAAA invites DOH to co-present. After presentation, the Health Implementation Team is invited to submit one policy and program recommendation to the Health and Human Services Committee.

September 2013: OAAA Health Implementation Team's legislative subcommittee, formed after the HHSC presentation, drafts a legislative proposal to address infant mortality. Representatives from DOH work with OAAA to review draft proposal. A bill, stemming from the proposal, was sponsored by the Chair of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, Senator Ortiz-y-Pino.

Also September 2013: OAAA's Health Implementation Team began investigating Centering Prenatal Care as a possible intervention.

January 2014: Senate Bill 69 passed unanimously during the 2014 legislative session, with no appropriation.

February 2014: Governor's *general fund appropriation of \$50,000* for pilot described in Senate Bill 69.

April 2014: OAAA Health Implementation Team forms infant mortality subcommittee to plan for implementation of Senate Bill 69. Representatives from DOH and OAAA Health Implementation Team participate in subcommittee.

June 2014: OAAA begins site selection process, including site assessment by CenteringPregnancy. The prenatal group care model selected for the pilot. OAAA contracts project manager.

October 2014: OAAA selects UNM Family Practice Clinic at 2400 Tucker Ave as pilot site. OAAA began contractual process with Centering.

November 2014: OAAA began 6-8 month work with a Centering Pre-Implementation Steering Committee along with the development of a MOU between OAAA and UNMH. Per Centering procedures, steering committee work must take place before providers can be trained in the prenatal care model.

February 2015: MOU is signed by both OAAA and UNMH.

March 2015: Centering and OAAA complete contracting process and OAAA began work to schedule Centering Prenatal Care training in Albuquerque. UNMH providers will be trained along with OAAA Pilot staff and contractors.

May 2015: OAAA began creating and distributing outreach information. OAAA began contractual process for researchers who have demonstrated expertise in African American Infant Mortality & birth justice issues.

June 2015: Pilot Kick-off and staff training for the Centering model takes place in Albuquerque, NM and patient recruitment efforts began. OAAA holds its first focus group to collect birth stories from African American women who have given birth in New Mexico in the last 5 yrs. OAAA submits a vital records data request in conjunction with the DOH office of maternal and child health.

September 2015: Pilot Advisory Committee formed to assist with implementation phase and community engagement, outreach, and recruitment.

Note: Our first Centering group is scheduled to begin in late October 2015.