



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality (OCPIM) to host 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter Meeting in Cleveland

Government leaders, state agencies, non-profits, and community-driven organizations gather to share data points and best practices for reducing infant mortality in Ohio

**What:** The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality (OCPIM) will be hosting its Quarterly Meeting for the second face-to-face forum on the barriers that affect the health of our communities and to share best practices in improving infant health outcomes and reducing infant mortality across the state of Ohio. Joining the open discussion will be Councilman Kevin J. Kelly, Ward 13, President, Cleveland City Council, and Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. Michelle Edison, MPH, MS, OCPIM's Northeast Region Co-lead, Pathways HUB Coordinator, Mahoning County District Board of Public Health will present a regional look at infant mortality in the Northeastern counties, and will be joined by representatives from the Ohio Department of Health's Rena Oza-Frank, PhD, RD, Data and Surveillance Administrator for the Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, a representative from the Ohio Department of Medicaid and other key speakers. Kenn Harris, Senior Project Director, National Institute for Child Health Quality (NICHQ) will share national best practices related to an upcoming Healthy Start initiative. The meeting will culminate with a short film on racism, toxic stress, and birth outcomes --

**Toxic: A Black Woman's Story.**

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm – **FREE** and Open to the Public

**Where:** Cleveland Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Ave. East, Cleveland, OH 44114

**For more information:** Call Karla Coleman, 248-978-3280 or email [kcoleman@gisscenter.org](mailto:kcoleman@gisscenter.org).

**About OCPIM:** *The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality (OCPIM) is a statewide partnership that functions as a platform for community engagement, exchange of best practices, data management, and advocacy. Success is defined by improving infant health outcomes and driving infant mortality reduction, including extreme preterm birth, sleep-related infant death, and congenital malformations. Members of OCPIM include stakeholder organizations from throughout Ohio who desire to work together on behalf of a common goal to eliminate infant mortality through interventions based upon available evidence and informed by high-quality data.*





**Cleveland Public Auditorium  
500 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, OH 44114**

**AGENDA FOR November 7, 2019 QUARTERLY MEETING**

- 10:00 -10:15 AM**      **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
OCPIM Co-Chairs  
Dr. Jim Greenberg, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital / Dr. Stacy Scott, Baby 1<sup>st</sup> Network
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM**      **Greetings and Purpose**  
Councilman Kevin J. Kelley, Ward 13, President, Cleveland City Council  
County Executive Armond Budish
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM**      **OCPIM Region Overview/Survey**  
Michelle Edison, MPH, MS, Northeast Region Co-lead  
Pathways HUB Coordinator, Mahoning County District Board of Public Health
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM**      **Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project**  
Kenn Harris, Senior Project Director, National Institute for Child Health Quality
- 11:00 – 11:20 AM**      **Ohio Department of Health**  
Rena Oza-Frank, PhD, RD, Data and Surveillance Administrator  
Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health
- 11:20 – 11:40 AM**      **Ohio Department of Medicaid**  
Traci Bell-Thomas, MBA, Policy Relations Administrator
- 11:40 – 11:55 PM**      **Optimization of Relevant Data Collection**  
Lisa Holloway, Ohio Mission Director, March of Dimes
- 11:55 – 12:25 PM**      **Communities Driving Change**  
Angela Newman, Supervisor/Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Lisa Matthews, Program Director/MomsFirst
- 12:25– 12:40 PM**      **Exchange of Non-Traditional Interventions and Practices**  
Michelle Edison, MPH, MS, Northeast Region Co-lead  
Pathways HUB Coordinator, Mahoning County District Board of Public Health
- 12:40 – 1:00 PM:**      **Advocacy**  
Tamiyka Rose, Akron Infant Vitality Collaborative
- 1:00 PM**      **Today’s Perspective**  
Stacy Scott, Jim Greenberg
- 1:15 – 2:30 PM:**      **A Short Film – Racism. Toxic Stress. Birth outcomes.**  
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