Maternal Mortality: Who’s at the Table of Change?

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Keynote Speakers

Ginger Breedlove, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
Beyond the Bundles: Additional Factors That Influence Maternal Mortality and Severe Events

Dr. Breedlove is a past president of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and has led many national initiatives to address and improve perinatal health in the United States. Over her 45-year career she co-founded the first licensed, free-standing birthing center in Topeka, KS in 1979; the first hospital-based midwifery service at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, MO in 1994; and established and directed the University of Kansas graduate Nurse-Midwife program in 1999. Dr. Breedlove was on faculty for a combined 17 years as Professor of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Kansas School of Nursing and Shenandoah University. She is a widely published author in numerous journals and publications, is a national speaker, and has received over $5 million as principal investigator in grant-funded projects related to health care for women. She co-founded March for Moms with Dr. Neel Shah, and edited and launched a best-selling book for new parents titled Nobody Told Me About That!

Traci Johnson, MD, FACOG
The Centerpiece of Change: Addressing Racial Disparities

Dr. Johnson was born and raised in rural Texas, attending Prairie View A&M University and then MCP Hahnemann College of Medicine, now Drexel University College of Medicine. She entered residency at Washington University in St. Louis, where she was honored to serve as Administrative Chief Resident. Dr. Johnson then felt called to work in academics at University Health, where she was the Director for L&D while also serving as Associate Program Director for the OB/GYN residency program. She is a leader in the Missouri Hospital Association’s Perinatal Quality Review Board and was appointed as a member of the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board in Jefferson City, to which she was recently elected Chair-Elect, and will focus the next two years on health equity. Dr. Johnson recently completed a life-long dream of subspecialty training in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and will return to academics this summer.

Chandra Burnside, RN, MSN, CNL, IBCLC
Driving Lasting Change: Maternal Child Legislation

Chandra is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the George Washington University. She currently teaches health policy in the graduate nursing programs at Georgetown University and serves as the Clinical Mentor for Women’s Health at INOVA Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. She is a graduate of the AWHONN Emerging Leaders Program and a former member of the AWHONN Policy Committee.

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Conference Information

Pre-Conference Trivia Night
Thursday, October 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.
The Prickly Pear Grill & Cantina
123 South Santa Fe Avenue
Salina, KS 67401

Conference
Friday, October 20, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn Salina
3320 South 9th Street, Salina, KS 67401

Pricing/Fees
Pre-Conference Trivia Night: $25
Early Bird Pricing until August 31: $75
Pricing after August 31: $100
Conference T-Shirt: $20

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Agenda

Morning Session
8:00-8:05 a.m.  Welcome & Introduction
AWHONN & KPQC

8:05-8:35 a.m.  Answering the Invitation: Kansas State Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Data
Terrah Stroda & Jill Nelson

8:40-9:35 a.m.  Beyond the Bundles: Additional Factors That Influence Maternal Mortality and Severe Events
Ginger Breedlove, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN

9:40-10:40 a.m.  Kansas Perinatal Community Collaboratives: Connecting Inpatient and Outpatient Supports
Stephanie Wolf, RN, BSN, CLC & Juliet Swedlund

10:45-11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Driving Lasting Change: Maternal Child Legislation
Chandra Burnside, RN, MSN, CNL, IBCLC

Lunch
12:00-12:30 p.m.  Lunch
12:30-1:00 p.m.  Vendor Networking

Afternoon Session
1:00-1:05 p.m.  Welcome Back and Introduction of Panels: Who are the Experts at the Table?
Dr. Jessie Piper, PhD, CFLE; Christy Schunn, LSCSW; Oluoma Obi, BA, MPH student; Brenda Bandy, IBCLC; Dr. Erin Bider

1:05-1:50 p.m.  State-Level Perinatal Resources and Organizations
Heather Scruton, RN; Dr. Devika Maulik; Dr. Allison Haynes; Ginger Breedlove, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN; Dr. Kourtney Bettinger

1:50-2:00 p.m.  Break

2:00-2:45 p.m.  State and National Perinatal Clinical Experts
Traci Johnson, MD, FACOG

2:45-3:45 p.m.  Centerpiece of Change: Addressing Racial Disparities

3:45-4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks