

Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic/ Presenter	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Meeting Focus	Subcommittees. Priority: Prep for event season	
Attendance	AnnMarie Schmersal, CCCHD, Isabel Hysing, CCCHD- WIC, Gina Burke, FCFC, Rob McKinney, PRC, Marcy Ivory, REACH, Caroline Quelette, CCCHD, Lori Lambert, CCCHD, Kali Lawrence, Springfield Promise Neighborhood, Rani Masser, PRC, Elise Brown, Mercy Birthing Center, Jillian Purtee, Mercy Health, Karen Gilbert, Mercy Birthing Center, Kim Wise, CCCHD, Jessica Jaimez, FYI, Kris Tinklenberg, RHCHC, Ashley Eaton, RHCHC, <i>Online; Krizia Melendez, Humana, Nina Jackson, Humana, Niesha Rhoades, PIP and McKinley Hall, Candice Myers, Champaign Co. WIC</i>	
Meeting start and stop time	3pm, 4:05 pm	
Mission and Vision and centering moment	3-3:05 AnnMarie Schmersal -online TEAMS technical difficulties and disconnected early in meeting -March minutes approved by Karen Gilbert, 2 nd by Elise Brown	
Introductions	3:05-3:15 Brief roundtable introductions, announcements and updates	
Large Group Work	Full group worked together to outline community engagement activity. Scheduled of Community Events Start Strong Coalition members plan to attend (or host): -Minority Health Fair, April 25th - Mercy Baby Fair- May 2nd , -Pedal for Prevention- May 16 January Start Strong Community Engagement Focused Meeting – group discussed goal of increasing community engagement at events. This April subcommittee working meeting was dedicated to developing a simple activity to increase awareness of pregnancy related community resources. Group members verbalized the effectiveness of the annual United Way SS101 event format. Is there a way to do something similar?	Karen Gilbert offered to develop the passport (THANK YOU!)

	<p>Group discussion identified a passport style activity including pregnancy related questions to answer by finding local resources. The group developed a question pertaining to each pillar of Start Strong strategic plan.</p> <p>Passport in multiple places , prizes</p> <p>Include Start Strong flyer with this passport:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can you find out about birthing or parenting classes near you? 2. If you are late for your period, where can you get a pregnancy test? 3. How often should you go to the doctor? 4. Where can you go for mental health support? 5. If you need support with food housing or shelter, where can you go? 6. Where can you go to find how fathers can be important nurturers? 7. How do I know if my baby is getting enough milk? <p>Which information or booth did you find most helpful today?</p>	
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Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule, all meetings 3-4pm except NOV/ DEC combined meeting will be 2:30-4pm: 2026 Full Coalition Meeting topics
 March 9: Preterm birth prevention- MCO and CHW updates
 April 13, subcommittees working meeting
 May 11: Fatherhood updates
 June 8, subcommittees working meeting

July 13: , subcommittees working meeting
 AUG 17 Teen Pregnancy
 September: BF/ Safe Sleep: Birthing Center updates
 OCT 19 subcommittees working meeting
 Nov/Dec: extended roundtable updates, subcommittee reports