

Participating in the Dane County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

There are many ways to be involved in Dane County FIMR work. You're encouraged to participate as much as you would like. Please email us at fimr@cityofmadison.com if you have any questions.

FIMR Case Review Team (CRT)

- We welcome people from maternal-child health professions to join. This includes doctors, doulas, midwives, insurance specialists, social workers, folks from community-based organizations, public health professionals, and others. People with lived experience of fetal or infant loss are also welcome to participate.
- Public Health Madison & Dane County coordinates the team.
- We meet quarterly for two hours to review up to four case abstractions from recent fetal and infant deaths. Team members receive case abstractions to review before meetings.
- During meetings, we discuss themes and patterns we see in the case reviews. We categorize them and choose a topic for a FIMR Action Network (FAN) to take action on.



Pre-FIMR Team

- This is an interdisciplinary team of 8-10 people, coordinated by Public Health. The team typically includes medical providers, educators, Medicaid specialists, doulas, and others in the maternal-child health field.
- We meet two weeks before the quarterly Case Review Team (CRT) meeting for two hours. We select four cases to review from the six to ten that have been abstracted.
- We ask for a two year minimum commitment when joining this team.

FIMR Action Networks (FANs)

- FANs are a small group of people from the CRT.
- Coordinated by Public Health, anyone with expertise or interest in the selected theme can participate.
- We work to move a theme from a CRT meeting into action at the systems-level.
- We do FAN work in the months between CRT meetings so that no one feels over-burdened.
- We schedule FAN meetings based on member availability and workload.
- We work on things like:
 - Position statements
 - Letters of support
 - Education for providers and the community
 - Interventions at healthcare systems