



Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Agenda | <p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA PRAMS Overview• Data Use & Availability <p>Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AC Roles, Expectations, & Opportunities• WA PRAMS 2023-25 Priorities• Announcements <p>Closeout</p> <p>See slides posted to PRAMS website: Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Washington State Department of Health</p> |
| Questions & Discussion | <p><u>PRAMS Overview & Methods</u></p> <p>See slides for more information</p> <p><i>Confidentiality:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is confidentiality of respondents guaranteed?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Confidentiality of respondents is a top PRAMS priority as detailed in the protocol approved by Washington State IRB. Because of this need to protect privacy and following WSIRB restrictions, DOH does not currently include incarcerated birthing persons because we cannot guarantee confidentiality. With the new access to online survey engagement and access to technology (e.g., tablets), this may open the door for participation of incarcerated persons. <p><i>Sampling:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we pulling our PRAMS sample when someone reports on birth certificate being of more than one race and/or ethnicity? For example, does our current sampling count someone as American Indian / Alaska Native (AIAN) or Hispanic if they report AIAN race and Hispanic ethnicity?• Related, why are Native Hawaiiin/Pacific Islander (NHPI) combined with Asian? Can we look at these populations separately?• What about foreign-born vs US born populations and how their experiences and/or health status may be different, does sampling take that into consideration?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Our sampling frame is designed to sample by 5 race/ethnicity strata with some oversampling of certain populations (eg., AIAN), in an effort to have survey data |



Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Advisory Committee Meeting

that can be analyzed by sub-group. The sample draw first sorts birthing persons into Hispanic and non-Hispanic, then the non-Hispanic are sorted into one race category. So for a person self-identified as AIAN & Hispanic, they will be categorized as Hispanic for the purposes of sampling. However, once we have the weighted response data, we can analyze the data by different race/ethnicity groupings because we maintain the full list of race and ethnicities reported on the birth certificates.

- We do not sample by US or foreign-born, but we have that data available for analyses. Note also that the survey is only in English and Spanish, so we may miss foreign-born persons who speak other languages.
- DOH is doing some analyses now of our sampling strata and will come back to the Committee with more information. Note that CDC limits states to 6 strata only.

Survey Instrument:

- Interest expressed for questions about COVID-19, stressful life events, pregnancy intention, concrete supports, and hope scales or agency for change.
- Noted that only dad-related question is about IPV, whereas PRAMS for Dads explores more positive roles dads play during pregnancy & infancy. Would be good to share with group some of the research findings from PRAMS for Dads work.
 - DOH is currently analyzing the backpage comments left by participants. Some interesting themes are emerging that we will share back with this group in the future.
- If the survey is only changing every 4-5 years, then how can the AC support survey content?
 - While the core survey is set, there are opportunities to weigh in on adding or removing Supplements (e.g., covid vaccine, opioid use), and there are opportunities to advise DOH on priorities for analysis and dissemination.
 - The current Phase 9 survey + Opioid Supplement is long, approx. 45 minutes. DOH is raising concerns to CDC.

Data Availability & Use

See slides for information on data access, analytic guidance, data dictionaries, etc.

AC Roles, Expectations, Opportunities

See slides and charter for information about the Advisory Committee



Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Advisory Committee Meeting

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very successful recruitment, diversity of representation and geographic diversity • Would be great to recruit more parent voices, especially among some populations not currently represented such as Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders and Black American. Or consider a special convening of birthing parents to learn about their interests, perhaps share PRAMS with them so they can become advocates in their communities. • The education and engagement piece with the birthing population is so important. We just don't hear much about PRAMS and it is such a great resource for understanding. • Frequency of meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would be helpful to be more frequent than semi-annual and to be bi-directional ○ If the survey is only changing every 4-5 years, then meeting more frequently may not be needed. If the AC is not advising on the survey questionnaire content, then what is it doing? ○ No clear consensus, perhaps ad-hoc as topics arise? • DOH may pursue establishing an ad-hoc Technical Workgroup to assist DOH on some methods discussions (e.g., sampling, small area estimates, etc). Information and recommendations will come back to full AC • Public sharing of Committee Roster? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poll found not universal agreement; names and contact info for AC membership will be shared with Committee but not shared on web <p><u>WA PRAMS Priorities 2023-25</u> <i>See slides for details.</i> Highlighted 3 focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner Engagement • Sharing Data & Results • Participant Recruitment <p>More to come on this in future meetings.</p> |
| <p>Announcements & Next Steps</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH to send out and post to website: slide deck, meeting minutes, roster, charter • CityMatCH conference in Seattle, September 2024. https://www.citymatch.org/conference |