

### Maternal Health Improvement Initiatives for Kansas Hospitals

Initiative	Description	Lead Organization	Eligibility	Contact Person	Notes
Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Initiative	AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Bundle (2025 – 2027)	Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative / KDHE	All hospitals in Kansas	Michelle Black, AIM Program Coordinator, KDHE, <a href="mailto:michelle.black@ks.gov">michelle.black@ks.gov</a>	Enrollment complete. Non-enrolled hospitals may access educational information on the website and participate in monthly learning forums.
Kansas Cuff Project	Blood pressure cuffs are a covered KanCare benefit. The project is for KanCare patients and includes a multi-pronged approach to ensure BP cuffs are provided to expectant KanCare mothers	KPQC/KDHE	Benefit specific to KanCare patients.	Michelle Black, AIM Program Coordinator, KDHE, <a href="mailto:michelle.black@ks.gov">michelle.black@ks.gov</a>  Stephanie Wolf, Clinical Perinatal / Infant Health Consultant, KDHE, <a href="mailto:stephanie.wolf@ks.gov">stephanie.wolf@ks.gov</a>	<a href="https://kansaspqc.kdhe.ks.gov/resources/severe-hypertension-initiative-resources/#toggle-id-4">https://kansaspqc.kdhe.ks.gov/resources/severe-hypertension-initiative-resources/#toggle-id-4</a>
Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee	The Kansas MMRC reviews maternal mortality cases to improve systems of care and increase awareness of factors that contribute to pregnancy-related death.	KDHE	KDHE appoints Committee members from across the state representing various specialties, provider types, organizations and systems that interact with and impact maternal health.	Jill Nelson, Maternal & Perinatal Initiatives Consultant, KPQC & KMMRC Coordinator, KDHE, <a href="mailto:JillElizabeth.Nelson@ks.gov">JillElizabeth.Nelson@ks.gov</a>	Data from the KMMRC informs KPQC initiatives.
KDHE Maternal Health Innovation Program	HRSA funded initiative to address severe maternal morbidity and mortality in Kansas.	KDHE	The Maternal Health Task Force is comprised of partners and stakeholders representing various provider types, organizations and systems that interact with and impact maternal health and is responsible for drafting the Maternal Health Strategic Plan which will guide the MHI team in prioritizing innovations to improve maternal health in Kansas.	Kayla Stangis, KDHE Maternal Health Innovation Grant Program Coordinator, <a href="mailto:kayla.stangis@ks.gov">kayla.stangis@ks.gov</a>	

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Rural Maternal Health Improvement	HRSA Technology-Enabled Collaborative Learning Program to improve maternal health outcomes in rural areas, focused on OB simulation in Emergency Departments and rural OB units	The University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative	KU Care Collaborative enrolled hospitals	Jodi Schmidt, Executive Director of the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative, <a href="mailto:jschmidt5@kumc.edu">jschmidt5@kumc.edu</a>	
Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) program	HRSA funded initiative to improve maternal health outcomes in rural areas	University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center	Rural hospitals providing OB services	Karen Weis, Ph.D., RNC-OB, FAAN, Dean, KU School of Nursing-Salina, <a href="mailto:kweis2@kumc.edu">kweis2@kumc.edu</a>	Initial RMOMS hospitals all onboard, adding additional hospitals with inpatient OB.
OB and Emergency Preparedness Networking Group	Networking group to assist KHA member critical access hospitals with meeting OB and emergency preparedness conditions of participation.	Healthworks, KHA Foundation through the Kansas Rural Hospitals Optimizing Performance (KRHOP) Program	KHA member critical access hospitals	Jennifer Findley, KHA Vice President, Education and Special Projects and Executive Director, Healthworks, <a href="mailto:jfindley@kha-net.org">jfindley@kha-net.org</a>	

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