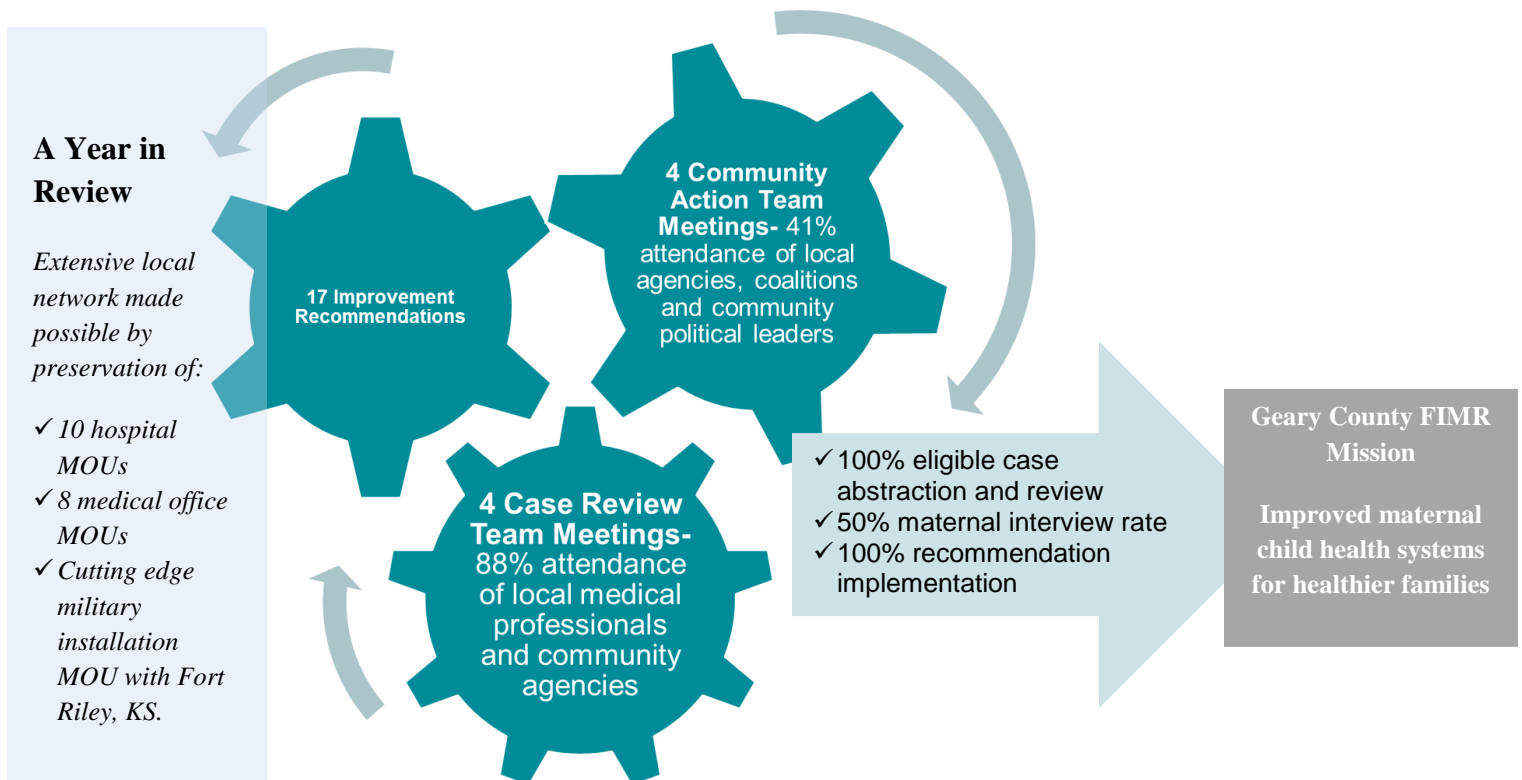


Geary County Fetal Infant Mortality Review – 2016

Overview

The Geary County Fetal Infant Mortality Review program was implemented in January 2013 with funding from Kansas Health Foundation and the United Methodist Health Ministry Funds. Geary County Fetal Infant Mortality Review focuses on reducing infant mortality and health care disparities in Geary County. GCFIMR is an action-oriented process where cases are reviewed to determine the factors contributing to the fetal or infant death in order to identify trends and develop recommendations for community systems change. The Case Review Team (CRT) methodically analyzes individual cases in depth and makes recommendations for action. The Community Action Team (CAT) works with the Case Review Team and translates the recommendations into relevant community action strategies. The Community Action Team responds to broad issues that are often complex and may require significant time and resources to implement change. Sustainable community systems change is a collaborative effort with many community initiatives, coalitions, and agencies.



Transition and Way Ahead

In October 2016, Mrs. Sarah Talley retired and Dani Holliday was brought on as the Coordinator, Maternal Interviewer and Program Abstractor. Implementation of sustainable community systems change through a collaborative process with local agencies and coalitions is the current focus of GCFIMR. By imbedding strategies for systems change developed in the Community Action Team, the Case Review recommendations become more sustainable. Effective community systems change happens outside the Action and Review Teams- rooted in the Geary County FIMR Network that is comprised of a broad-based representation of community agencies and coalitions. Geary County FIMR will retain its National level presence, serving on National FIMR work groups for health disparities, maternal interviews, and data collection, and serving as a consultant for new FIMR initiatives in like-communities across the Nation, as referred by National FIMR.

