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The Title VI Coordinator has made available at this meeting/hearing a voluntary Public Involvement Survey to collect demographic data to monitor and demonstrate St. Joseph County's compliance with its non-discrimination obligations under Title VI and Federal Regulation 23CFR 200.9(b)(4), and more importantly, ensure that affected communities and interested persons are provided equal access to public involvement. Compliance is voluntary. However, to demonstrate compliance with the federal regulation, the information requested must be documented when provided. It will not be used for any other purpose, except to show that those who are affected or have an interest in proceedings or the proposed project have been given an opportunity to provide input throughout the process.

## AGENDA

**Revised Date and location: Thursday, August 26, 2021; 10:00 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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Audio by Phone:

1-312-626-6799 Call in number (Zoom Conference)

Meeting ID: 928 7022 3627

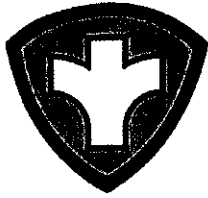
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### **A. REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM: Opening and Reading of Bids/Letters of Interest on:**

**COMMISSIONERS:** Accounts Payable Docket

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Request approval to enter a partnership for Safety PIN Grant Funds through the Indiana Department of Health to decrease infant mortality

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Three Minute Limit)



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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## St. Joseph County Department of Health

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury, and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

**Robert M. Einterz, MD**  
Health Officer

**Mark D. Fox, MD, PhD, MPH**  
Deputy Health Officer

**Heidi Beidinger-Burnett, PhD, MPH**  
President, Board of Health

**Jason Marker, MD**  
Vice President, Board of Health

August 18, 2021

County Commissioners  
County City Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
South Bend, IN 46601

Commissioners,

The Department of Health would like your support in partnering with Saint Joseph Health System, Elkhart Department of Health and Franciscan Health to decrease infant mortality through public health initiatives, clinical care, and community outreach. SJCDH FIMR is part of this collaborative to develop a birth equity plan and work to address the system issues that delay entry to prenatal care including insurance coverage and the delay in entry to prenatal care for mothers who access the system through emergency departments and crisis pregnancy centers (CPC) SJCDoH FIMR will also lead outreach, awareness, and training for purpose of eliminating inequities in birth outcomes. The partnership will continue from April 2021 through April 2023. Attached is the grant application data sheet.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 574-235-9574.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Robert Einterz, MD  
Health Officer

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## GRANT APPLICATION DATA

### **Explain the purpose of the grant.**

This grant was submitted by Beacon Health System and includes a partnership with Saint Joseph Health System, Elkhart Department of Health, St. Joseph County Department of Health, and Franciscan Health to decrease infant mortality through public health initiatives, clinical care, and community outreach. SJCDH FIMR is part of this collaborative to develop a birth equity plan and work to address the system issues that delay entry to prenatal care including insurance coverage and the delay in entry to prenatal care for mothers who access the system through emergency departments and crisis pregnancy centers.(CPC) SJCDH FIMR will also lead outreach, awareness, and training for purpose of eliminating inequities in birth outcomes.

### **Who will be accountable for fiscal information?**

Beacon Health System is the fiduciary organization for this grant. The SJCDH FIMR expenses will be paid from funds received through Beacon for activities. Sally Dixon, Robin Vida, and Amy Ruppe will manage fiscal information.

### **Who will be responsible for compliance with grant guidelines?**

Sally Dixon and Robin Vida

### **What is the time period of the grant (i.e., one-year May 31, 2005-May, 2006, etc.?)**

2 years: The Safety PIN grant is for 2 years, but the SJCDH funding is for the first year. April 2021 – April 2022

### **Is this a renewable grant, if so, how long?**

There is potential for a two-year renewal if goals are reached, determined by IDoH (at end full grant period in April 2023)

### **Is there a match for the grant? If so, how much and how will it be funded? Is this match in dollars or in kind contribution?**

No

### **Is there or will there be any capital costs for the grant (i.e., vehicles, location (building), equipment)?**

No

### **Give the number of employees the grant would support?**

No salary support. Program support only.

### **How would your department plan or would you continue operations after the grant expires?**

This grant is intended to support specific outreach, awareness, and training activities regarding eliminating inequities in birth outcomes. By design, these activities should build capacity within existing programs and structures so that they can be maintained once funding expires.