
**Report to
The Vermont Legislature**

**Status Report on
Maternal Mortality Review Panel**

In Accordance with Act 35. 2011, Section 1553

**Submitted to: House Committees on Health and on Human Services; Senate
Committee on Health and Welfare**

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Executive Summary

In November, 2011, the Maternal Mortality Review Panel (MMRP) was established to conduct comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths in Vermont for the purposes of identifying factors associated with the deaths and making recommendations for system changes to improve health care services for women in Vermont.

Introduction

Panel membership:

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Summary

Summary of Work in 2011:

1. Breena Holmes, MD (Maternal and Child Health Director) was appointed the initial chair of the panel by Dr. Harry Chen, Health Commissioner for a 6 month term (Nov. 16, 2011-May 16, 2012).
2. Through Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network (NNEPQIN) and our MCH colleagues in NH, the panel reviewed opportunities for collaboration with NH. At this time, we will proceed with Vermont's panel and data analysis, as New Hampshire is at an earlier stage in the process.
3. The MMRP panel was convened on November 16, 2011
4. In order to perform the duties of Act 35 regarding the review panel, rule making must occur. The MMRP chair drafted rules with review form Vermont Department of Health legal staff.
5. The draft rules will be sent to panel members in early January 2012.
6. As required by Act 35, the 2013 status report on MMRP will include data on maternal deaths in 2012.