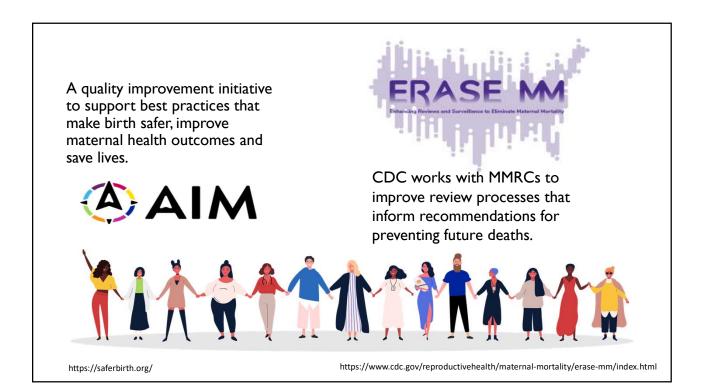


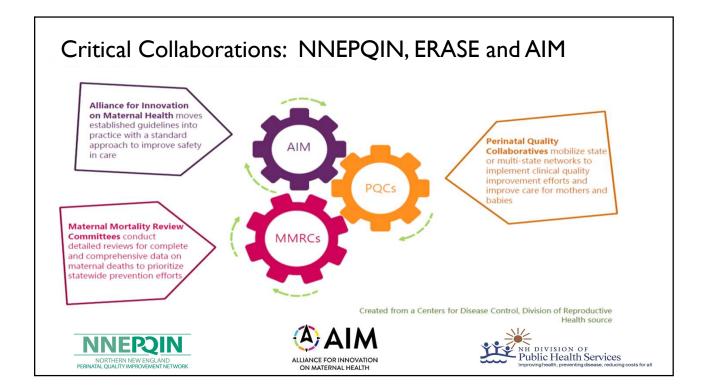


Today's Agenda

- Perinatal Mental Health: NH implications
- Results of a PCORI funded Community Engagement project and invitation to engage in continuing conversation
- Upcoming







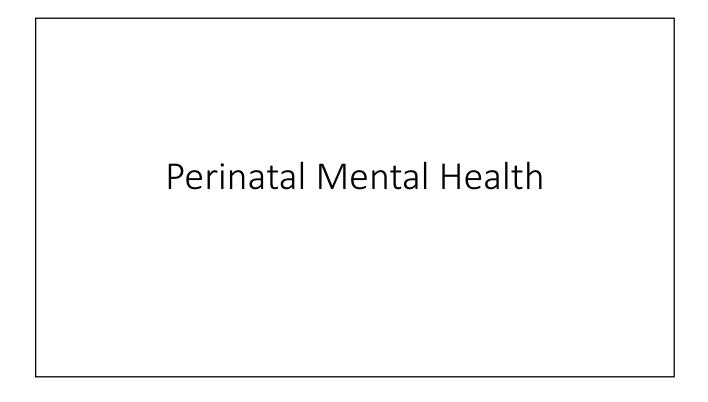


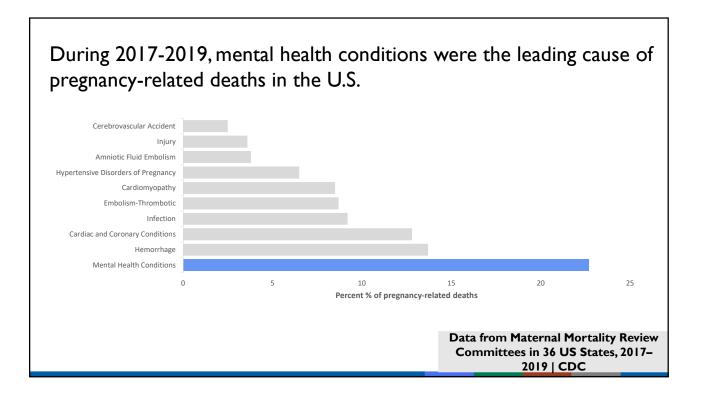
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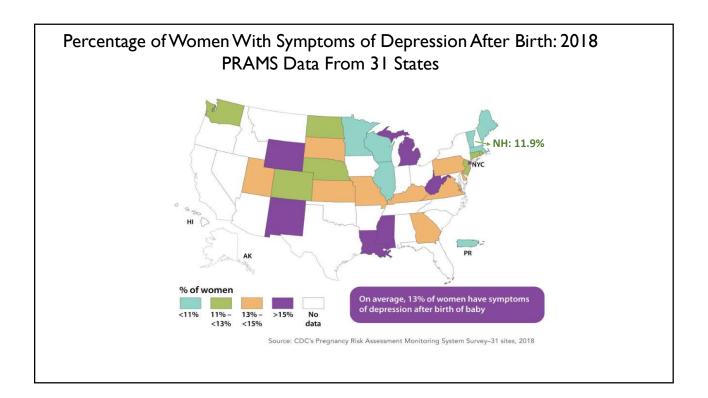
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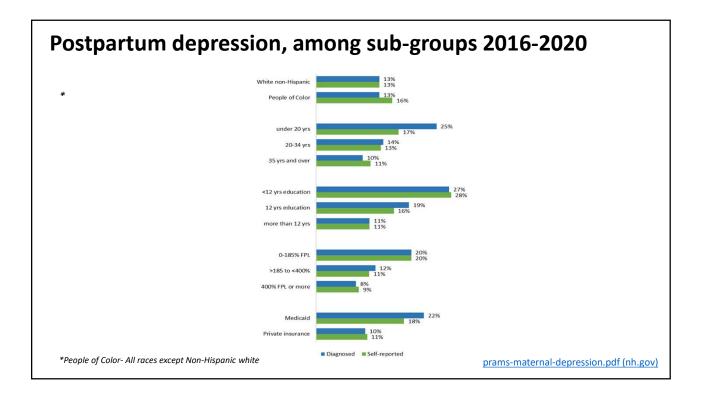


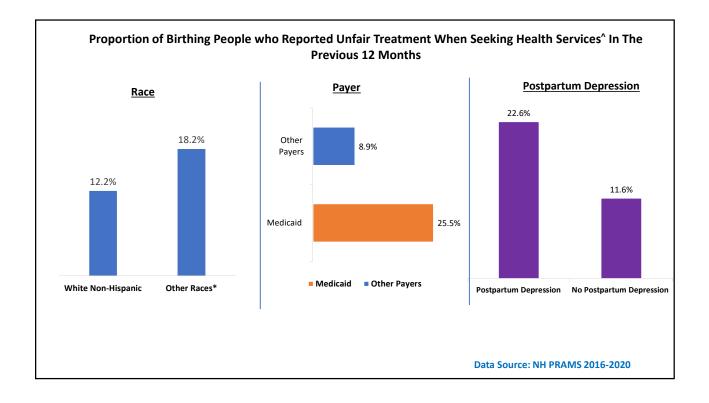


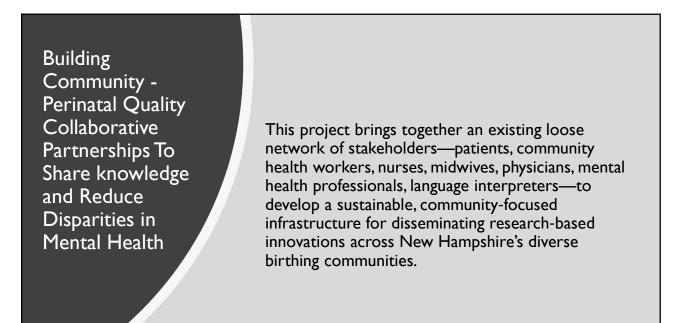




Stressors Associated with Pregnancy Relate	ed Deaths in NH
Social or emotional stressor	Number of deaths
Child Protective Services involvement	6
History of childhood trauma	4
History of domestic violence	4
History of psychiatric hospitalizations or treatment	7
History of substance use	16
History of substance use treatment	12
Pregnancy unwanted	1
Prior suicide attempts	6
Recent trauma	1
Unemployment	7
Other	3
Unknown	2
None	3 Data Source: MMRIA ¹¹

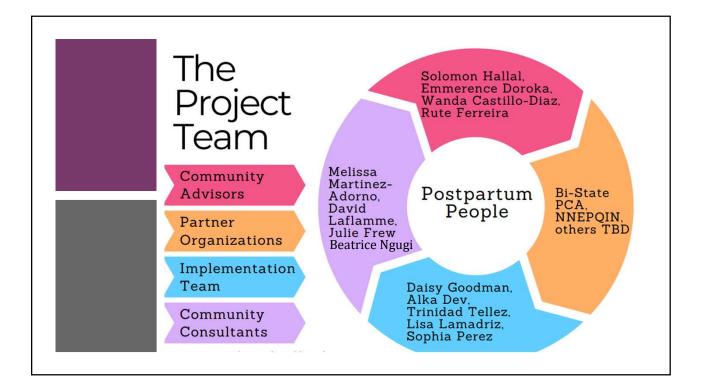


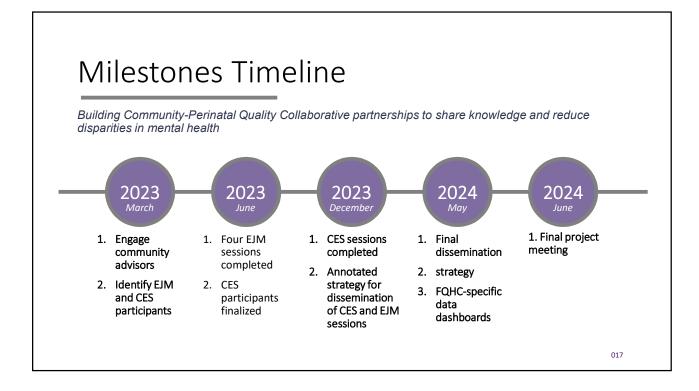


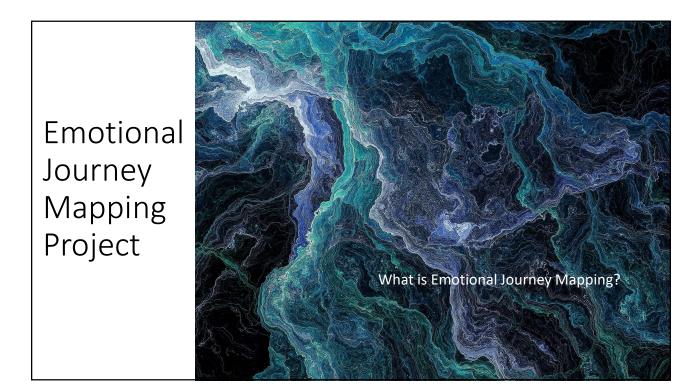


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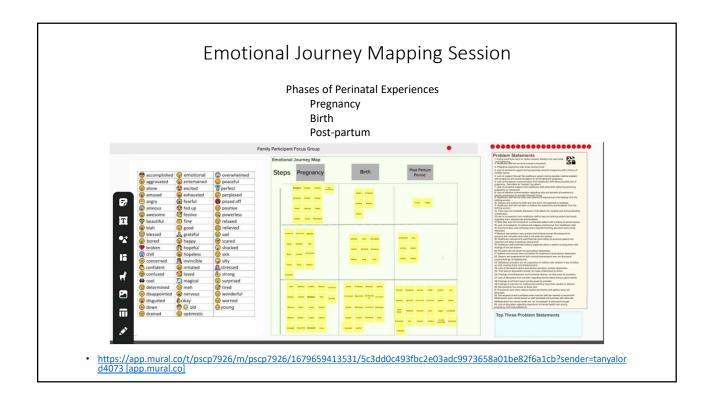




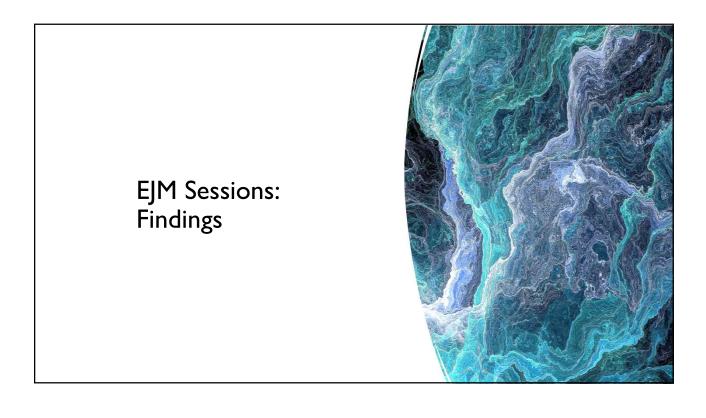








Sessions	Dates March 24, 2023	Language and Community English	Participants 11	New Hampshire Towns Represented		
				*Concord *Littleton Laconia Belmont	Derry Pittsfield Hooksett	Meredith *Lebanon Hudson
2	April 6, 2023	English	11	Sanbornton Franklin Center Harbor *Canaan	*Lebanor Ashland *Concord Bridgewa	
3	April 19, 2023	English	7	Laconia *Concord Danbury	*Littletor *Canaan	
4	May 6, 2023	Kinyarwanda	8	Manchester		
5	May 9, 2023	English	6	Bethlehem Littleton Meredith	Berlin *Concord	
6	June 1, 2023	Spanish	5	Manchester		
7	August 15, 2023	LGBTQ+	1	Manchester		
Total			49			





- Eager to share their stories
- Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share and listen
- Relayed importance of improving the birthing experience for others
- Mental health and postpartum depression were significant topics that consistently emerged without specific prompts.
- Shared stories of past birth traumas
- Discussed challenging interactions with healthcare staff.
- Relayed importance of having personal and cultural preferences respected during the birth process
- Expressed distress at feeling coerced away from birth plans
- Shared feelings of sadness and frustration over wishes being disregarded, leading to a sense of powerlessness during their birth experience.
- Shared that lack of communication and understanding from healthcare providers led to a breakdown in trust
- Wondered about the motives behind decisions made during their care.
- Shared feeling unable to communicate with providers regarding "unspoken feelings" of guilt, shame, disconnect with previous child or current infant.



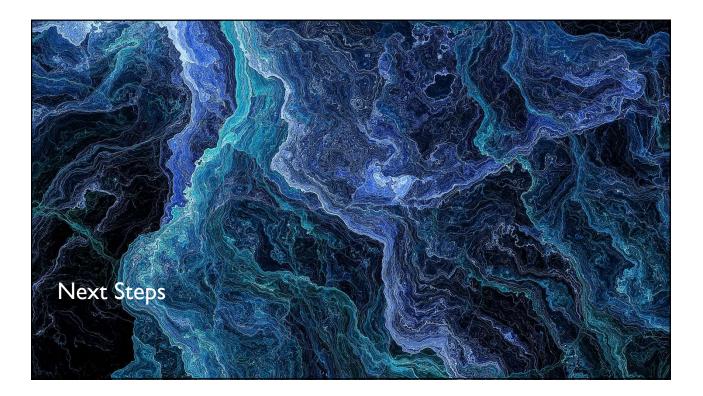
Emerging Themes

Lack of:

- Provider Compassion and Empathy
- Shared Decision Making
- Mental Health and Emotional Support
- Patient Autonomy
- Patient Empowerment
- Respect and Dignity
- Cultural Awareness and Respect
- Provider Continuity
- Patient Education and Understanding
- Clinical Care
- Postpartum Support
- Breastfeeding Support

The Patient Experience

- "I felt humiliated when the nurse laughed at me and said, 'Good luck with that,' when I told her I wanted a natural birth."
- "I was not allowed to urinate before beginning to push and that was so stressful."
- "I was pushed to do an induction by being told that more time in the hospital would cost more money."
- "When the doctor talked to me about 'postpartum' (depression) it was like they were just checking off a box, I really did not understand that this could happen to me."
- "Being new to the United States, I did not understand the language and I was very frightened when my blood was drawn for tests. They took so much blood, I was so afraid I was going to die"
- "I delivered during Covid, which was lonely and frightening."







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Community Engagement Studios

2-hour Virtual Sessions

Dates

- **Community Experts and EJM Participants**
 - September 19, 2023 10 am 12 pm
 - September 21, 2023 2 pm 4 pm

Providers

- October 10, 2023 10 am 12 pm
- October 19, 2023 2 pm 4 pm



Please participate!!!

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