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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR MATERNAL
HEALTH AND BROADBAND ROUNDTABLE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

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By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the agenda for the upcoming Roundtable entitled *THE CONNECTED FUTURE OF MATERNITY CARE: Intersecting Maternal Health and Broadband Data*. The hybrid event will take place on November 17, 2023, from 10:30am—4:00pm EST at the FCC Headquarters and streamed online at www.fcc.gov/live.

As previously announced, the Roundtable is free and open to the public. Attendees may attend either in person in the Commission Meeting Room, FCC Headquarters, 45 L Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20554, or remotely via livestream at www.fcc.gov/live. Both in-person and remote attendees are encouraged to preregister in advance of the event by using the online [registration form](#).

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Request for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the Commission to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Last minute requests will be accepted, but it may not be possible to accommodate the request.

For additional information or questions, contact the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force by email at engageC2H@fcc.gov and insert “Roundtable Question” in the subject line. For press inquiries, please contact Katie Gorscak, FCC Office of Media Relations, by email at Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov.

– TENTATIVE AGENDA –**THE CONNECTED FUTURE OF MATERNITY CARE:
Intersecting Maternal Health and Broadband Data****November 17, 2023 (10:30am-4:00pm EST)**

The United States faces an ongoing maternal health crisis. We have a higher maternal mortality rate than other developed nations, and the picture is far worse for women of color, women living in rural areas, and women from lower income households. Broadband-enabled technologies, services, and solutions can be a critical part of the toolkit in addressing preventable maternal mortality, improving access to maternity care, and promoting health equity. Broadband, however, is more than just the critical infrastructure for delivering modern health interventions. Prior research by the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force found that counties that were more connected tended to have better health, even after controlling for other characteristics of these areas – which suggests that broadband is a distinct social determinant of health, or one of the nonmedical factors that influences health outcomes.

This hybrid event will gather public and private sector thought leaders from a variety of disciplines to explore the intersection of broadband connectivity and maternal health. Participants will also explore the role of broadband as a social determinant of health and the implications of this framework to improve maternal health outcomes and inform broadband and health policies. Supporting maternal health equity through improving broadband access is a government priority and will be an overarching theme of this event. We also seek to continue the cross-agency, cross-sector dialogue on how broadband can be leveraged to help accelerate progress in this area.

10:30 am – 10:35 am **WELCOME FROM FCC**

10:35 am – 10:50 am **OPENING REMARKS**

- **Ying-Ying Goh**, MD, Health Policy Advisor, Office of the Vice President of the United States
- **Admiral Rachel L. Levine**, MD, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Michael D. Warren**, MD, MPH, FAAP, Associate Administrator, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Andi Lipstein Fristedt**, MPA, Deputy Director for Policy, Communications, and Legislative Affairs/Chief Strategy Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10:50 am – 11:10 am **INTRODUCTION: Why Broadband Matters in Maternal Health**

This introductory segment serves as a level-set for our cross-sector audience, including a brief overview of the current scope of the maternal health crisis, its evolution and underlying causes, highlights on how broadband is being leveraged in innovative ways to support and expand national efforts in this space, as well as a more nuanced understanding of the potentially transformative role of broadband in helping to address the maternal health crisis.

- **Veronica Gillispie-Bell**, MD, MAS, FACOG, Ochsner Health; Medical Director, Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative and Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review for the Louisiana Department of Health

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **DEMO: [Mapping Broadband Health in America](#) Platform — Visualizing the Intersection of Maternal Health and Broadband**

How can we better mine and visualize broadband and maternal health data to inform policies and improve outcomes? What are key questions at the intersection of broadband and maternal health? (View [sample maps](#) for a window into the intersection of broadband and maternal health).

- **Arielle Mancuso**, PhD, Director of Research and Analytics, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force, FCC
- **Karen Onyeije**, JD, Chief of Staff, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force; Deputy General Counsel, FCC

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH KEYNOTE**

- **Introduction: Chris Gibbons**, MD, Senior Advisor, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force, FCC
- **Trent Haywood**, MD, JD, Founder, Knowality, LLC (former Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association)

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm **PANEL 1: THE CONNECTED FUTURE OF MATERNITY CARE — What if all women of reproductive age, their health care providers, caregivers, and families have an always-on connection to high-speed broadband?**

This session will explore a future in which all women of reproductive age, their health care providers, other caregivers, and their families have a high-speed broadband connection at home, at work, and on the go that they can leverage for health. Panelists will be asked to reflect on what could be achieved in the connected future of maternity care as it relates to innovations in connected care models or systems of the future, equitable access to and quality of maternity care, health systems strengthening, health status, social determinants of health, and national health goals. Discussion will also include how the *Mapping Broadband Health in America* platform could help drive progress and inform efforts towards this vision.

Moderator: **David K. Ahern**, PhD, Senior Advisor, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force, FCC

Panelists:

- **Jennifer L. Fang**, MD, Neonatologist, Medical Director, Mayo Clinic Teleneonatology Program
- **Kay Matthews**, Founder and Executive Director, Shades of Blue Project
- **Santosh Pandipati**, MD, FACOG, Co-Founder and Chief Health Officer, e-Lövu
- **Annette Taylor**, Director, Office of Digital Equity and Literacy, North Carolina Department of Information Technology
- *Discussant:* **Shelly Choo**, MD, MPH, Director, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Maryland Department of Health; Member, Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program Task Force

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm **COFFEE BREAK**

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm **PANEL 2: MORTALITY AND BEYOND — Creating Actionable Insights from Data on Broadband and Maternal Health Outcomes and Indicators: Challenges and Potential Solutions**

Recognizing that mortality is just the tip of the iceberg, this session will build on the earlier dialogue about possible use cases and needs and help identify key variables to consider from both the broadband and maternal health domains that would further inform these use cases. Panelists will explore the critical questions and actionable insights that a data visualization platform (like the [Mapping Broadband Health in America](#) platform) should facilitate in order to drive progress. This panel will also discuss some of the limitations or challenges to intersecting maternal health and broadband data and inform a roadmap for the broadband maternal health mapping effort going forward.

Moderator: **Arielle Mancuso**, PhD, Director of Research and Analytics, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force

Panelists:

- **Laurie Baksh**, MPH, Manager, Maternal and Infant Health Program, Utah Department of Health
- **Matt Eakins**, MD, President, Lucina Analytics
- **Sinsi Hernández-Cancio**, JD, Vice President for Health Justice, National Partnership for Women and Families
- **John Horrigan**, PhD, Senior Fellow, Benton Institute for Broadband and Society
- *Discussant:* **Eugene Declercq**, PhD, MBA, Professor of Community Health Sciences, Boston University School of Public Health

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm **CLOSING AND WRAP UP**

- *Keynote:* **Karen S. Rheuban**, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Senior Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education, UVA Health, and Director, University of Virginia Karen S. Rheuban Center for Telehealth; and **Christian Chisholm**, MD, Maternal & Fetal Medicine, UVA Health, and Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, UVA School of Medicine
- *Closing:* **Karen Onyeije**, Chief of Staff, Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force; Deputy General Counsel, FCC

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