

Healthy Start Contract Amendments for Program Evaluation, Monitoring and Quality Improvement

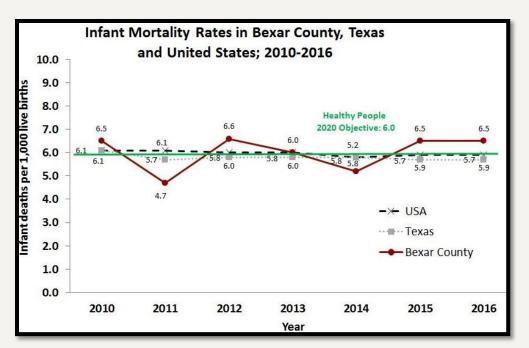
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## **Infant Mortality Rates**



- The purpose of the Healthy Start program is to engage communities in an effort to reduce infant mortality where rates are over one and a half times the national average
- Targeted areas span parts of Districts
  1, 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7
- Jon Meyer Evaluation and UT Health are valuable partners with the historical knowledge to provide continuity in these areas



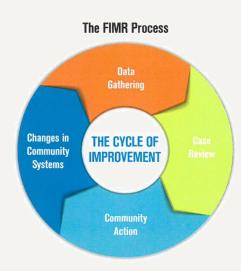
## **Healthy Start's Five Strategic Approaches:**

- 1. Improve women's health before, during, and after pregnancy
- 2. Promote quality services
- 3. Strengthen family resilience
- 4. Achieve collective impact
- 5. Increase accountability through quality improvement, performance monitoring, and evaluation
  - Surveillance, quality improvement, and evaluation are critical to planning and measuring success of the Healthy Start program and community action interventions





- As a level three grantee, Metro Health's Healthy Start program is responsible for operating a Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)
- FIMR and Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review (MMMR) allow for comprehensive study of individual cases of mortality and morbidity in order to identify and address local risk factors of poor pregnancy outcomes
- FIMR and MMMR are community-based, action-oriented processes that examine fetal, infant and maternal deaths through clinical abstraction and maternal and family interviews, determines preventability, and engages communities to take action
- UT Health provides the skilled abstractors who perform the records review, family interviews and summary presentation that are core tasks of FIMR and MMMR operations. Jon Meyer also serves as an active attendee at both review teams, providing a valuable linkage across evaluation functions







- Funding Amount: Total \$98,498
  - Jonathan Meyer: \$48,500
  - UT Health: \$49,998
- Amendment: To extend the term for another grant year, April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and increase compensation accordingly
  - Jonathan Meyer: \$24,999 to \$48,500
  - UT Health: \$24,999 to \$49,998
- There is no impact to the General Fund



## Recommendation





Staff recommends approval of the amendments with Jonathan Meyer and UT Health