Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) is a valuable tool that can enhance your Title V Needs Assessment. Since 1990 the national FIMR program (NFIMR) has been a collaboration between the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). This effective partnership supports FIMR programs in 31 states utilizing this evidenced-based methodology that provides a process for continuous quality improvement in maternal and child health. FIMR is a community-based, action-oriented approach used at the local level for assessing, planning, improving, and monitoring service systems to promote the health and well-being of women, infants, and families. FIMR benefits Title V programs by:

- Examining social, cultural, safety, and health systems factors that are associated with fetal and infant mortality through review of individual cases
- Identifying system barriers and problems that need improvement through de-identified case reviews
- Including maternal interview information from consumers to further identify actions needed
- Addressing ways of improving service systems and community resources to reduce future fetal and infant deaths
- Provides valuable qualitative data to use with state’s quantitative infant mortality data

WORKSHOP G3: FIMR Program Innovation: Incorporating Life Course Theory, workshop on Monday, Jan 26, 1:45. Jodi Shafer, RN, PhD, Director, NFIMR, ACOG; Trecia Matthews Hosein, MPH, Director of Program Services, HMHB Coalition of Broward County, Florida; Anne Pedrick, MS, Executive Director, Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth, Delaware.

POSTER SESSION: How the FIMR Process Can Inform State MCH Programs about Action Steps Needed to Improve Systems Affecting Perinatal and Infant Health (Poster ID# PB4), Jan 26 2:45–4 PM & Tues 8–9 AM. Jodi Shafer, RN, PhD, Director, NFIMR, ACOG; Ellen Hutchins, ScD, MSW, MPH, Public Health Consultant.

Please come visit us in the Exhibitor Hall at Booth 12!

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