Hi all,  
  
We finally have a day and time for the perinatal mental health special interest group based on the doodle poll. It will be the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 mountain time (8 or 9 Hawaiian / 11 Pacific / 1 Central / 2 Eastern). Our first call will be Wednesday August 2. An outlook calendar invite will follow. Sona Dimidjian, Sam Hubley, Jean Lawrence and I are coordinating this special interest group and will take turns facilitating the calls based on our schedules. I will facilitate the call on August 2, Jean will facilitate the call on September 6, and Sona will facilitate the call on October 4.

The purpose of this SIG is to promote a research agenda focused on perinatal mental health, facilitate collaboration among investigators, work on developing data infrastructure to support multisite perinatal mental health research projects, and to provide a forum for discussing research ideas and updating grant applications, projects, and papers.  
  
Here are some topics for an initial agenda, and please feel free to add others:

* brief introductions
* review and discuss research interests of SIG members
* Ask members to invite academic collaborators with expertise in perinatal mental health research
* discuss extant data resources that could support perinatal mental health research

As a reminder, here is the link to the NIMH priority areas of research on perinatal mental health.  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-15-013.html>

I look forward to talking with you on our first call, and to starting our work in this important area of research.

Thanks,

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