**Potential U.S. Maternal and Child Health Priorities—Scoring Exercise**

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**Assign a score for each criteria for each of the priorities with “5” being the highest score and “1” being the lowest score. No fractions or decimal scores can be assigned.**

Scoring Criteria

1. Magnitude of the problem
2. Trend of the problem
3. Severity/consequences of the problem
4. Potential preventability
5. Current national or state priority/goal
6. Agency capacity to address

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| A | B | C | D | E | F | Potential Priority |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Access to early continuous prenatal care |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Smoking during pregnancy  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Very-low-birth-weight infants born in specialized perinatal centers |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Newborn hearing screening |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Newborn screening clinical follow up |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Infant breastfeeding for six months |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Adequate levels of childhood immunizations |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Childhood dental sealants |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Childhood motor vehicle deaths |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Childhood obesity |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Children with health insurance |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Adequate health insurance coverage for special need services |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Medical home for children with special health care needs |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Transitional services for youth with special health care needs |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Teen birth rate |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Adolescent suicides |