



# State of Louisiana

## Department of Health and Hospitals

### Office of Public Health

#### LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

Workgroup Meeting: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Discussion  
Conference Call: 1888-204-5984 Access Code 1982918  
Feb 11, 2015 12:30PM-1:30 PM

Attendees: Dr. P. Scott Barrilleaux, Chair, Gaye Dean, Pamela Egan, Dr. William Gill, Dr. Cliff Moore, Dr. Rodney Wise, Amy Zapata

Guests: Karis Schoellmann, Melissa McNeil, Ekwutosi Okoroh, Berkley Durbin, Sabrina Noah, Becky Majdoch, Robin Gruenfeld, Regional MCH Coordinators: Rosa Bustamante Forrest, Kelly Bankston, Nicole Soudelier, Chris Cornell, Annelle Tanner. Lisa Norman

#### Meeting Notes:

##### 1) Membership Update:

- The Perinatal Commission's recommendations for new members: Dr. Tina Stefanski, Dr. Debra Hollingsworth, and Beth Manning have been submitted to the Dept. of Boards and Commissions for approval.
- The remaining vacancy is for a pediatrician. Kelly Bankston will forward recommendations for discussion at next meeting.

##### 2) Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

The workgroup reviewed the status on action items from previous meeting.

- LA Medicaid data analysis-  
*Dr. Ekwutosi Okoroh confirmed that a presentation of further analysis of NAS Medicaid data will be provided to members at the March 2015 Perinatal Commission Meeting*
- Development of talking Points/recommendations for NAS for use in presentations, letters, etc.  
*This is on pause until the Commission hears presentation of findings from the analysis of Medicaid data at next month's meeting.*
- Formulate clear recommendations to Bayou Health Plans re: NAS  
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- Invite Dr. Dunham (of the Office of Behavioral Health. OBH) to the next Perinatal Commission meeting.  
*Amy Zapata and Dr. Stefanski reached out to Dr. Dunham. Dr. Dunham is planning on coming to the March meeting. Dr. Dunham requested that a summary of the concerns that providers have, related to their patients on methadone and suboxone, as well as the challenges in efforts to coordinate care with those clinics, be sent to her in advance of the meeting. Karis, will send an e-mail to Commission members to facilitate collecting and furnishing of these concerns to Dr. Dunham. In addition, OBH is about to embark on a provider education campaign.*

3) Perinatal Commission Agenda Items

- Members were reminded to send in agenda items for the 2015 Perinatal Commission Meeting agenda. Karis Schoellmann will re-send an e-mail to members requesting topics for consideration.

4) Upcoming Meeting

- In-Person Meeting: March 12, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 at the Bienville Building, Baton Rouge