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

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CONFERENCE CALL MEETING- June 19, 2019

Attendees: Dr. Rodney Wise, Emily Stevens, Gaye Dean, Amy Zapata, Dr. P. Scott Barrilleaux,

 Dr. Joseph Biggio,

Guests: Dr. Mehta, Rebecca Roques, Rosie Trichilo, Lacey G., Dr. Kieltyka, Becky Majdoch, Amy Ladley, Debra Perna

**Meeting Notes:**

Follow-Up Discussion: Reproductive Health Presentation at May 2019 Meeting

* Members discussed providers’ general lack of awareness of the kinds and breadth of reproductive services available at the Parish Health Units.
* Discussion also focused around using the opportunity of the growth and expansion of Medicaid for translation of new Medicaid policies to providers.
* First step may be to inventory recent (last few years) policy changes. This could inform discussion of what changes/outcomes can be expected that promote access to reproductive health.
* In addition, it was noted that a role for the Commission may be to recommend that standardized quality contraception counseling for providers be put in place- developed collaboratively with Medicaid, LaPQC, Title X and Title V)
* Amy Z. will reach out to the Reproductive Health Program to initiate this exploration.

Behavioral Health

* Discussion centered around behavioral health access and lack of resources for mental health for the perinatal population.
* Amy Z. suggested that the Commission look at and discuss the concept of financing a mental health consultant model. This is being done in a small scale in New Orleans, and may want to consider scaling this up. Massachusetts has this financed via an all-payer system, and it looks promising in terms of better care and providers being more equipped.

For Next In-person Meeting: Follow Up

* Request data related to C-section rate by MCO. For discussion: How can the measure/metric Medicaid Managed care and 1st time C-section rate be supported. Addressing MCOs involvement with 36-week C-sections and related data

Adjourn

* In-Person Meetings will remain on the second Thursday of every other month in 2019 from 1:00-3:00. The next in-person meeting will be on July 11, 2019. This meeting will take place at Bienville Building.