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Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

March 17, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00PM

Location:

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Phone: 602- 333- 0032 Conference code: 644895

AGENDA

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

Member	Position	Present or Absent
Amar Nijjar	Neonatologist	Present
Amy Zapata	Public Health Care Administrator	Present
Aundria Cannon	Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health	Present
Courtney Kling Campbell	Pediatrician	Present
Emily Stevens	Social Worker	Absent
Erica Moss	Neonatal Nurse	Present
Joey Biggio	Perinatologist	Present
Leslie Lewis	Nutritionist	Present
Marshall St. Amant	Perinatologist	Absent
Rep. Rhonda Butler	Representative	Absent
Rodney Wise	Private Health Care Administrator	Present
Scott Barrilleaux	Chair - Perinatologist	Absent

Sen. Regina Barrow	Senator	Absent
Steve Spedale	Neonatologist	Present
Tina Stefanski	Family Planning Representative	Absent

Guests	Organization
Amanda Dumas	Keshia Holmes
Amanda Perry	Laurel Kitto
Amy Ladley	Liz Keenan
Ashley Politz	Lyn Kieltyka
Ayesha Umrigar	Marci Brewer
Becky Majdoch	Martha Hennegan
Berkley Durbin	Meshawn Tarver
Cara McCarthy	Rachel Hyde
Daniella Mistretta	Rachel Purgatorio
Debra Fuller	Rachelle Boudreaux
Dionka Pierce	Robin Grunfeld
Frankie Robertson	Shelly Ryan Gray
James Hussey	Tammy Bennett
Julie Emory	Veronica Gillispie-Bell
Karis Schoellmann	Yasser Omar Abdellatif
Kerrie Redmond	

- II. Review/approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to a lack of a quorum.
 - b. Note: The Public Health Emergency, which allowed voting to occur during virtual meetings if a quorum was reached, ended on 3/16/2022.
- III. Legislative updates: Resolutions and implementation
 - c. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – After receiving multiple public comments in response to the Notice of Intent posted in August 2021, Health Standards requested Bureau of Family Health (BFH) leadership to meet with stakeholders to resolve public comments. Dr. Gillispie-Bell met with stakeholders and conveyed their concerns to both BFH and members of the Perinatal Commission. Stakeholders were made aware of the changes being made. A new Notice of Intent should be published in the May register.
 - d. Maternal Levels of Care – A Notice of Intent was published in the December registrer. Two public comments were received and changes were made accordingly. Currently, Health Standards is reviewing the proposed rule.

- e. Office on Women’s Health – Amy Zapata, Director of BFH, provided a presentation giving the highlights and key aspects of *The Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality: 2020 Report*. The presentation included an overview of key facts, key takeaways, notable gaps, addressing gaps, women’s health organizational structure options, and framework for considering options. The report will be sent to the Commission.
 - f. Act 210 of the 2021 regular session – Discussion regarding women’s health across the life span and notable gaps in current service provision, including mental health, sexual violence (prevention and response), chronic disease prevention, special healthcare needs. Need to disaggregate data so we can more clearly see the specific issues disproportionately affecting women. Offices involved: Bureau of Chronic Disease and Healthcare Access (Well-Ahead), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Office of Aging and Adult Services, and Bureau of Family Health.
 - g. Louisiana Doula Registry Board – The Doula Board met on February 23, 2022. Dawn Collins was selected as the Chair. The Board is working on identifying individuals for the remaining voting positions and sub-committees. The next step for the Board, with input from stakeholders, is to define the criteria for inclusion in the registry. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM.
 - h. 2022 Legislative Updates – Ayesha Umrigar provided updates on the following bills:
 - i. HB 784 – Universal screening for perinatal mood disorders
 - ii. HB 650 and 651 – Medicaid coverage for prescription breastmilk - only covered inpatient but aims to cover outpatient
 - iii. Berkley Derbin provided updates on:
 - 1. SB 298 – Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to annually review medications, forms of treatment, and services for care of Medicaid enrollees with sickle cell disease.
 - 2. SB 268 – Provides for opioid treatment for pregnant women
 - 3. HB 146 – Provides relative to consent with regard to certain medical procedures
 - 4. HB 800 – Enacts the Louisiana Heartbeat Act
 - 5. SB 60 – Requires a blood test to test for the presence of substances on every patient on labor and delivery and has the potential for criminal prosecution for obstetric complications. March of Dimes and the National Birth Equity Collaborative have voiced opposition and concerns.
 - iv. Frankie Robertson discussed caps insulin copays (HB 677, SB 257 and SB 278)
- IV. State of the State Presentation – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell presented on the state of Maternal Child Health (MCH) in Louisiana. The presentation addressed the current America’s Health Rankings in Louisiana; the Healthy People 2030 goals; the drivers; pathways for improvement; processes that are working.
- V. Perinatal Commission authorized projects
- i. Safe Birth Initiative (SBI) – Amy Ladley reported that the hospitals are reporting on 90% of the measures. The 43rd facility has joined the Louisiana Perinatal

Quality Collaborative (LaPQC). The team is engaging with two facilities and hoping to get them signed on which would mean 45 of the 49 birthing facilities are participating. Birth Ready Designation just completed its second round of awards. There are 11 new recognitions for a total of 27 facilities being either Birth Ready or Birth Ready Plus Designated.

- j. The Gift/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) – Marci Brewer reported there are 42 Gift-Designated facilities. A total of 13 birthing facilities received designation under the new criteria which went into effect in January. This exceeded the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Business Plan goal of 10 designated facilities under the new Gift designation criteria.
- k. Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) – Marci Brewer reported 50% of the teams have been reporting on quality improvement (QI) measures since February. The program is focusing on developing robust training and education for quarterly case-based discussions led by providers who specialize in substance use disorders.
- l. Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative – Julie Emory reported that four practices have been selected for the pilot. The initiative plans to launch in May with a learning session. Measurements will added to Life QI with plans for teams to start reporting in June.
- m. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell discussed they are working on completing the 2017 – 2019 PAMR report with plans to publish in August. The PAMR Committee has started reviewing 2020 cases. The CDC attended the last review and had great feedback about the process and the team

VI. Workgroup reports/Updates and discussion

- n. Mental Health Workgroup – Dr. Hussey reviewed the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES) report that was a deliverable for the Maternal Mental Health Taskforce for HCR 105 and agreed to work between meetings to set up a crosswalk of recommendations from the report.
- o. Telehealth/Telemedicine Workgroup – Dr. Veronica Gillispie- Bell reported the workgroup will be pause meeting as a group and work on creating a report of findings.
- p. Postpartum Care Workgroup – Amy Zapata reported the workgroup is working on integrating reproductive health into community health centers and primary care, building a budget to bring initiatives to scale and barriers to implementation.
- q. Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) – No updates

VII. Other regular updates

- r. LDH Business Plan- Dr. Amanda Dumas spoke to the following deliverables:
 - i. Research and begin implementation on policy options for using technology to improve access to routine and specialty obstetric care through telehealth, remote patient monitoring, and subspecialty consultation. A policy revision has been posted in the obstetrics manual. It doesn't mandate Managed Care Organizations cover, but does allow them to cover the devices
 - ii. Breastfeeding: currently in the process of sending a report to LDH leadership to expand coverage for lactation support in the outpatient setting

- VIII. Membership/Participation Workgroups – Dr. Biggio reported the committee is having issues with having a quorum during in-person meetings and virtual meetings have helped with obtaining a quorum.
- s. Membership vacancies
 - i. Family Practitioner
 - ii. Family Planning Representative
- IX. Adjourn – The next Perinatal Commission working call will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be May 19, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

*Note: the order of the agenda may not be followed exactly, to accommodate presenter schedules

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