

TASK FORCE ON RISK APPROPRIATE PERINATAL SYSTEMS OF CARE

MEETING SUMMARY

January 11, 2019

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

North Carolina Institute of Medicine

630 Davis Drive

Morrisville, NC 27560

Attendees:

- *Steering Committee:* Keith Cochran, Belinda Pettiford, Amanda Murphy,
- *Task Force Members:* Rachael Elledge, Martin McCaffrey, Kelly Kimple, Michaela Penix, Tina Sherman, Sherika Hi-Smith George, Jennifer Greene, Melinda Ramage, Daragh Conrad, Tara Bristol Rouse, Walidah Karim, Nancy Henley, Duncan Phillips, Velma Taormina, Latoshia Rouse, Kim Harper, Charea Mason, Mary Kimmel, Beverly Yearwood, Joyce Krawiec, Steve Eaton, Rhonda Lee, Corinna Miller, Amy Williford

Introduction to NCIOM

Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO, NCIOM

After a quick introduction of all present task force members, Dr. Zolotor provides an overview of the history of the IOM and recent studies done at the request of the General Assembly, state agencies, professional organizations, and other partners. Dr. Zolotor then provides an overview of the task force process, where to access meeting materials after each meeting, and briefly touches on the charge of the task force. See slides at http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Zolotor_NCIOM_ACC.pptx.

Intro & Overview of Charge to the Task Force

Kate Menard, MD, MPH, Vice Chair for Obstetrics Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, UNC School of Medicine, Medical Director, NC Pregnancy Medical Home Program

Dr. Menard begins by providing statistics on prenatal care services in North Carolina, and delves deeper into the study charge of the task force. She discusses what risk appropriate systems of perinatal care means and identifies best practices, including AAP maternal levels of care. Finally, she describes the resources current facilities have across the state and provides visual representations of the geographic distribution of prenatal resources. See slides <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NCIOM-Risk-Appropriate-Maternal-and-Neonatal.pptx>.

Welcome, Background, Consumer Perspective

Latoshia Rouse, Parent, Speaker, and Parent advisor, Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program

Ms. Rouse shares the pregnancy journey that led to the birth of triplets. Although all of her children are now healthy, the barriers she faced to receive adequate care during her high-risk pregnancy inspired her

to speak out about the shortfalls of the current systems in place for perinatal care and serve as a persistent parent advocate for mothers to be.

Intro, Background, and CNM Perspective

Walidah Karim, DNP, CNM, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Cone Health Medical Group

Ms. Karim shared her personal healthcare journey into midwifery before delving into the definition of midwife, where they work, and what they do. After her personal experiences, Ms. Karim strives to help women find a shared voice in decision making regarding their pregnancy. She ends on a note of innovation, including the successful method of midwife Jennie Joseph. See presentation at <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Task-Force-IntroKarim.pptx>.

Current State & Goals for the Perinatal System of Care

Kelly Kimple, MD, MPH, FAAP, Chief of Women's and Children's Health Section, Division of Public Health

Dr. Kimple begins her presentation by outlining several opportunities to improve perinatal health and create health equity. She briefly discusses existing programs and initiatives to improve perinatal health in NC, the NC Perinatal Health Strategic Plan, the formation and goals of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and the working draft of the state Early Childhood Action Plan. Programs she covered include Pregnancy Medical homes, Pregnancy Care Managers, Reproductive Life Planning, and others. She completes the presentation by returning to the opportunities for improvement in NC Perinatal Systems of Care. See presentation at <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NC-IOM-Perinatal-Systems-of-Care-current-state-kimple-1.11.2019.pptx>.

Data Perspective

Sarah McCracken, MPH, Program Coordinator, Women's and Children's Health Section, Division of Public Health

Ms. McCracken presents data on pregnancy related maternal mortalities, racial disparities, current efforts to develop a best practice protocol, and infant mortality. Much of the data was visually presented through maps, graphs, and tables. Review data and slides at: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Sarah-Mccracken-Data-Ppt.pdf>.

Perinatal Health Strategic Plan & Equity

Belinda Pettiford, Branch Head, Women and Children's Health Section, Division of Public Health

Ms. Pettiford provides an in-depth explanation of the goals, timeline, and partners of the Perinatal Health Strategic Plan. She discusses relevant concepts including health equity, social determinants of health, health disparity, and health inequity. She then discusses the Plan's priority strategies and the various work groups in place. See slides at: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/PHSP-Presentation-for-PSAC-TF-meeting-1-11-19.pptx>.

Discussion

Task Force members engage in guided small group discussions regarding their experiences within the current perinatal system of care. These experiences involve service gaps, transportation and referral services, obstacles in providing care, and observed disparities. See discussion questions at: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Discussion-Questions.pdf>.

Next Steps

Robert Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, North Carolina Institute of Medicine

Mr. Kurzydowski thanks task force members for attending the meeting, and reminds of the next meeting date.