

TASK FORCE ON RISK APPROPRIATE PERINATAL SYSTEMS OF CARE

MEETING SUMMARY

May 2, 2019

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

North Carolina Institute of Medicine

630 Davis Drive

Morrisville, NC 27560

Attendees:

- *Steering Committee:* Amanda Murphy, Belinda Pettiford, Kay Mitchell, Tara Shuler, Frieda Norris, Keith Cochran
- *Task Force Members:* Nancy Koerber, Sarah Dumas, Lorrie Basnight, Mary Kimmel, Martha Bordeaux, Tina Sherman, Kelly Kimple, Charea Mason, Velma Taormina, Beverly Yearwood, Kim Harper, Belinda Pettiford, Jennifer Grady, Stephanie Nantz, Amy Williford, Michaela Penix, Melissa Johnson, Winona Houser, James DeVente, Kay Mitchell; *Online:* Anna McDonald, Keith Cochran, Patrielle Johnson, Latoshia Rouse, Kim DeBerry, Rachael Urrutia, Frieda Norris, Rhonda Lee, Rachael Elledge, Melissa Poole, Walidah Karim, Melinda Ramage,

Introductions

Project Director Robert Kurzydowski opened the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Steering committee members, Task Force members, staff, guests, and speakers introduced themselves, including their position and the organization they represent.

Agenda/Packet Overview + Recommendations Recap

Robert Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, NCIOM
Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, Associate Director, NCIOM

Mr. Kurzydowski provided a brief overview of the agenda. Ms. Yorkery briefly reviewed the working draft of recommendations. Task force members began a discussion surrounding the recommendations, including the role and inclusion of birth center guidelines. See recommendations [here](#).

Prenatal Care Entry Data Review

Matt Avery, M.A., Supervisor, Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, State Center for Health Statistics

Matt Avery provided an overview of prenatal access and utilization in North Carolina. Task force members were particularly astonished by a high concentration of women accessing prenatal care in the first trimester in the western region of North Carolina. Mr. Avery also defined the Kotelchuck Index and presented data on different demographics based on race/ethnicity, maternal age, and sources of payment. See presentation [here](#).

Prenatal & Obstetric Care Workforce Data Review

Erin P. Fraher, PhD, MPP, Director, Program on Health Workforce Research and Policy, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

Dr. Fraher presented on data regarding access to obstetric and prenatal care providers in North Carolina. She explained that workforce data suffer from important gaps that hinders the ability to draw conclusions. However, she pointed out the number of physicians providing prenatal and obstetric care has increased – including a recent rise in family medicine physicians doing deliveries. She also discussed the geographic distribution of providers in NC. See presentation [here](#).

Brief PRAMS Overview

Robert Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, NCIOM

Robert led the group through a brief overview of the PRAMS survey methodology and current data. Rob filled in for a presenter who suddenly became ill and was unable to make it. After the overview, task force members agreed an additional, more in-depth presentation on PRAMS would be valuable in an upcoming meeting. See presentation [here](#).

CNM Prenatal Care

Suzanne Wertman, MSN, CNM, State government Affairs Consultant, ACNM

Ms. Wertman described her background in midwifery and her connection to the work before presenting on the impact of nurse-midwifery care and different models of integrated care. She then discussed workforce data and the impact of practice laws and regulations currently in place. See presentation [here](#).

Prenatal Care Discussion

Task force members engaged in discussion regarding the presentations that occurred earlier in the day. Members wondered out loud why there might be a decline in women receiving care in the first trimester, and how to determine the point of time in which prenatal care starts. The group also discussed the potential of obstetric outreach teams and maintaining a team environment inclusive to all providers.

Special Infant Care Follow-up Program

William F. Malcolm, M.D.

Dr. Malcolm provided an overview of the Special Infant Care Program and Transitions Medical Home at Duke Children’s Hospital. After defining the term “medically complex infant,” Dr. Malcolm dives into what the programs do, who they follow, why they exist, participant/family feedback, and program outcomes. See presentation [here](#).

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Robert Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, NCIOM

Mr. Kurzydowski thanked task force members for their attendance.