

# TASK FORCE ON RISK APPROPRIATE PERINATAL SYSTEMS OF CARE

## MEETING SUMMARY

February 28, 2019

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

North Carolina Institute of Medicine

630 Davis Drive

Morrisville, NC 27560

### Attendance

- *Steering Committee:* Tara Shuler, Keith Cochran, Kay Mitchell, Frieda Norris
- *Task Force Members:* Raechel Elledge, Dolores Vasquez, Anuradha Rao-Patel, Corinna Miller, Jennifer Greene, Amy Williford, Duncan Phillips, Mary Kimmel, Victor Isler, Tina Sherman, Stephanie Nantz, Stephen Eaton, Patrielle Johnson, Walker Wilson, James DeVente, Kate Menard, Kelly Kimple, Walidah Karim, Martin McCaffrey, Sherika HiSmith George, Velma Taormina, Kelly Holder, Michaela Penix, Melissa Johnson, Joanna Cartwright, Lorrie Basnight, Nancy Koerber, Melissa Poole, Charea Mason, Jennifer Grady, Hannah Shay Rackers, Rachel Urrutia, Katie Comanici, Michael Sylvia

### Welcome & Discussion Recap

**Rob Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, North Carolina Institute of Medicine**

After introductions from each task force member, Mr. Kurzydowski welcomed the group and began a recap of the previous meeting. The recap included common themes derived from responses to discussion questions. See slides at: [http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Kurzydowski - Welcome-and-Discussion-Overview.pptx](http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Kurzydowski_-_Welcome-and-Discussion-Overview.pptx).

### Spotlight Series

She and her first born were transferred to a higher level of care after giving birth to a full-term baby. Her story details how decisions were made and where gaps in care existed.

### Panel: Intrapartum and Neonatal Transfers and Back Transfers

**Stacie Walker, CNM, Maria Parham Health**

**Michael Sylvia, MD, FAAP, Pediatrician, Maria Parham Health**

**Kate Menard, MD, MPH, Professor, VC for Obstetrics & Director of UNC Maternal Fetal Medicine**

**Amy Williford, MSN, RN, NNP-BC, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Vidant Medical Center**

Representatives from Maria Parham Health, UNC, and Vidant Medical Center discussed their different processes for conducting maternal and neonatal transfers. Presentations outlined common scenarios that lead to transfers, the transfer process, and limitations to the transfer system at level 2 & 4 hospitals. See presentations here: [http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Sylvia\\_NCIOM-Presentation.pptx](http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Sylvia_NCIOM-Presentation.pptx) and [http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Williford\\_Transport-NCIOM.pptx](http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Williford_Transport-NCIOM.pptx)

### **Historical Perspective: Perinatal and Neonatal Outreach Coordinators**

**Martha Bordeaux, CNS, MSN, PNP-BC, Neonatal Affiliations Coordinator, Director of Advance Practice Nursing & Nurse Practitioner, Duke University Health Systems**

**Frieda Norris, MPH, BSN, FACCE, LCCE, CIMI, Perinatal Educator, the Birthplace, CaroMont Health**

Ms. Bordeaux and Ms. Norris both served as coordinators for the Perinatal and Neonatal Outreach Education and Training programs before they lost funding. Some successes of the program include: assured consistency of program and evaluation, review of Neo/OB state statistics, relationship building, and improvements in transportation, resuscitation and stabilization of infants. Task force members contemplated the role of a similar program in the context of today's system of care. See presentations here: [http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Norris\\_POET-Region-3.pdf](http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Norris_POET-Region-3.pdf) and <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Neonatal-Outreach-Historical-Perspective.pdf>. For an overview of the bed locator tool, see here: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/North-Carolina-Neonatal-Bed-Locator-Service-Overview-2019.pdf>

### **Current State: Perinatal Outreach Coordinator**

**Angela Still, MSN, RN, Director of Women's Services, Vidant Medical Center**

Ms. Still leads the group through an overview of the current perinatal outreach system in place at Vidant Medical Center. The focus of the program is to provide education and assistance to hospitals providing obstetrical services and lends a "boots on the ground" approach. Statistics of the 2018 program also provided. See slides here: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Perinatal-Outreach-presentation-IOM-2-27-19.pptx>.

### **Discussion**

Task force members discussed the utility of a bed locator service, and similar perinatal/neonatal outreach programs today. Discussion included alternative funding services for similar programs and ideas for other services and programs that would be helpful to hear about. See questions here: <http://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/discussion-2-questions.pdf>

### **Conclusion & Next Steps**

**Rob Kurzydowski, JD, MPH, Project Director, North Carolina Institute of Medicine**

Mr. Kurzydowski thanked each task force member for their attendance and reminded everyone of the date for the following task force meeting.