

**Perinatal Hospital Based Leadership Committee
Ventura County Public Department, 2nd Floor Conference Room – Room 200
2240 East Gonzales Road, Oxnard, CA 93036**

August 3, 2006 – 12:00-2:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Bays (VCPH), Sherri Block (VCMC), Estelle Brutton (CMH), Kellie Erickson (VCPH), Cindy Fahey (VCPH), Carole Ferrari (SBPH), Leslie Frederick-Griset (Los Robles), Andrea Hoberman (PAC/LAC), Vliedius Levine (VCMC), Kathleen Lienemann (MMC), Lucy Manrique (MCC), Megan Meeker (CMH), Suzanne Michaud (SBCHA), Marisa Montgomery (VCMC), Anne Parry (SBPH), Amy Tromans (VCPH), Delia Dela Vega (MMC), Sandra Young (MICOP/Las Islas)

I. Recap of Last Meeting and Follow-up

Rapid Perinatal HIV Testing

Kama Brockman, Perinatal Project Coordinator for the Department of Health Services Office of AIDS, spoke on “Eradicating Perinatal HIV Transmission in California: Implementing Rapid HIV Testing in Labor and Delivery (RTLTD)” during the May meeting. She is willing to provide technical assistance and training to hospitals that are working to implement RTLTD, and can be contacted at kbrockman@dhs.ca.gov or 916-449-5964. CPQCC also has a toolkit on Perinatal HIV Prevention which can be accessed online at www.cpqcc.org.

II. SIDS Education Toolkit

Kellie Erickson from the Ventura County SIDS Education and Outreach Committee presented the AAP 2005 Policy Statement on reducing the risk of SIDS. She detailed the ten recommendations and discussed how the new SIDS Education Toolkit from Ventura County Public Health Department can be used to implement these policies. The goal of the toolkit is to provide educational resources and assistance to hospitals, prenatal and parent educators. The educational binder was distributed one/per hospital in attendance and includes copies of forms, pamphlets, and local resources that can be used by providers and families as well as a CD-ROM of additional materials. PAC/LAC will duplicate the CD-ROMS and distribute to all hospitals during annual site visits. For more information, contact Kellie at kellie.erickson@ventura.org.

III. Oaxacan / Mixteco Perinatal Needs

Anya Gutman, PAC/LAC Intern from the UCLA School of Public Health, presented her findings from a needs assessment on the perinatal needs of the Mixteco community in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. She discussed population characteristics,

occupational background, prenatal care access by region, and common health issues of the group. Her work identified lack of interpreters, cultural differences with providers, need for appropriate health education materials, and lack of adequate research and data as the main perinatal needs and barriers to quality perinatal care. A summary report, literature search, and key informant contacts will be made available at the next Perinatal Leadership meeting. For more information, Anya can be contacted at aelena26@gmail.com.

III. Hot Topics in Hospital Policies and Practices

A discussion on hospital experiences working with the Mixteco community revealed a number of potential partnerships and projects within Ventura and Santa Barbara communities. Suggestions were made to look into Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) for interpretation services as it may be a federal requirement to provide this service for populations being seen at the health center. In addition, using technology such as recorded messages on iPods could provide a means of education for families during hospital stays.

IV. 2006-2007 Committee Focus

A list of California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC) toolkits was distributed to gauge committee interest in pursuing a quality improvement project for future meetings. One topic to consider may be Perinatal HIV Management. In addition, the soon-to-be released Agreements for the Provision of Perinatal and Neonatal Care was reviewed and will be distributed and discussed more at upcoming committee meetings and regional workshops.

NEXT MEETING:

November 2, 1:00-3:00 PM
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
Auditorium Conference Room
300 N. San Antonio Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93110