

**Perinatal Hospital Based Leadership Committee
Ventura County Public Department – Room 200
September 6, 2007 – 12:00-2:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Pam Andreason (Simi Valley), Jenny Baarstad (VCMC). Diane Bock (VCPH), Cece Cabrera-Urango (VCPH), Leslie Calvelli (Los Robles), Cindy Fahey (PAC/LAC), Leslie Frederick-Griset (Los Robles), Megan Grimm (PAC/LAC), Roberta Hallinan (Los Robles), Mimi Leza (VCMC), Lois Manning (VCPH), Megan Meeker (CMH), Tami Paxton (VCPH), Jennifer Taylor (PAC/LAC), Rose Elliot (VCMC)

I. Recap of Last Meeting and Follow-up – May 2007

Cindy Fahey reviewed the last meetings minutes, when Andrea Hoberman presented on the “Perinatal Profiles of California Hospital and Regions: 2003 & 5-year cohort data. Continuing education credits were offered for successful completion of the Perinatal Profiles posttest and evaluation.

II. Perinatal Issues

Breastfeeding in the News: Members shared what their hospitals did for World Breastfeeding Week (including hanging up posters, balloons, and wearing special t-shirts). Megan Grimm presented a recent Washington Post article about federal breastfeeding campaigns and influence of the formula industry. She also talked about the upcoming release of the Breastfeeding Policy Brief put out by the UC Davis Center for Human Lactation, which is expected in late October or early November of this year including data through 2006 and focusing on racial/ethnic disparities. Cindy Fahey presented information on PAC/LAC’s new four-year grant from the State MCH department to help local hospitals improve their breastfeeding rates. Megan Meeker shared that her hospital is doing a project following up on the phone with breastfeeding mothers at 3-4 weeks and 3 months post-discharge.

Surge Capacity After St. John’s Closure: Members discussed the months of preparations their hospitals went through to be ready for an increased client load during the two weeks St. John’s was to be closed in August. Hospitals prepared by expanding their urgent care hours, renting equipment, and contracting with St. John’s staff to work in their units. Some hospital reported an increase in client numbers, others no noticeable changes but difficulty with transfers. Many group members commented that the process was overall very smooth and demonstrated the cooperation of both private and public entities for the shared goal of quality care. Some commented that the experience helped their hospitals to be better prepared in the event of a real disaster.

III. Public Health Department Updates

Tami Paxton from the Ventura County Immunization program handed out immunization updates packets for all members. She spoke of new schedules and recommendations for vaccines, especially Hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and rotovirus. She gave specific guidelines for what is and is not appropriate for mothers, newborns, and healthcare workers. For Hepatitis B, she distributed a county form to be used on all carrier moms, and reviewed the racial/ethnic breakdown of infection, focusing on the high prevalence in the Asian populations.

Diane Bock from Ventura County FIMR/SIDS program reported on her project working with families who have lost a baby due to SIDS as well as medical records reviews. She passed out a form requesting community resources from all members so she can compile a comprehensive directory of information for a grieving family. She agreed to come back to a later meeting and present the information that she compiles.

IV. Committee Structure, Process & Organization

Megan Grimm requested information on how committee members would like the group structure to be organized. She presented information on what other RPPC regions are doing with their PHBL groups, and asked for topics and potential speakers that would be interesting and helpful to the members. Group members stated that they would like to receive education, including CEUs, as well as the opportunity to network with other hospitals. Five topics were generated for discussion at future meetings: hearing screening, car seat challenge, preconception and interconception care, drug testing and chain of custody, and security systems and visitation.

V. Upcoming Events/Information Sharing

Megan Grimm shared that PAC/LAC's newsletter is now online, and everyone should make sure to enter their email addresses on the website. She also shared that the Breastfeeding Coalition of Ventura County was hosting The Breastfeeding Center's CLC training November 12-16 and would be sending out applications for scholarships. Jennifer Taylor shared that everyone is invited to the Regional Quality Improvement meeting to be held October 4 at Valley Presbyterian Hospital with speakers from CMQCC.