

**Perinatal Hospital Based Leadership Committee
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Room C101-102
300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110**

**May 4, 2006 – 1:00-3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Sherri Block (VCMC), Kama Brockman (CDHS/Office of AIDS), Carole Ferrari (SBPH), Andrea Hoberman (PAC/LAC), Caroline Kersten (Marian), Marisa Montgomery (VCMC), Anne Parry (SBPH), Caroline Wohler (SJRCM)

I. Recap of Last Meeting and Follow-up

Preterm Labor Assessment Toolkit

Mary Cambell-Bliss, Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist from Sutter Sacramento-Sierra Region, presented the March of Dimes Preterm Labor Assessment Toolkit at the March meeting. Extra toolkits are available for those hospitals who have not received one. Contact PAC/LAC for more information.

Tissue Bank Licensure Laws and Breastmilk – Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1785 (Figueroa): Human Milk is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Health Committee on May 10, 2006, at which time the bill will be passed out to the Senate floor, or voted down in the Committee. PAC/LAC conducted training in April for thirty providers on advocating for perinatal health through communicating with legislators. Tools from this training, including sample letters and calling scripts, are available for providers or hospitals that wish to support SB 1785, and will be e-mailed to the Committee.

II. 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)”. Kama presented data on the rationale for implementing RTLTD, including the timing of mother-to-child HIV transmission, and the percentage decrease in infection rate due to administration of antiretroviral prophylaxis. Her project is in the process of surveying all CA delivery hospitals on current capacity for testing and medication delivery. 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.

III. Hot Topics in Hospital Policies and Practices

Santa Barbara hospitals are seeing low numbers for early entry into prenatal care, specifically in the immigrant population. There is a need for a Perinatal Outreach Program to be re-established within the Public Health department to assist in this area. PAC/LAC will follow-up at the next meeting with research on the impact of such programs in other counties, to aid in justifying funding for Santa Barbara.

The Mixteco population continues to need cultural and language-specific perinatal health resources in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The group discussed possibly collaborating on a PAC/LAC-lead grant proposal to conduct a needs assessment within the Mixteco and provider community in this area. CARES (Community Action Resources Educational Services) and MICOP (Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project) will be invited to a future meeting to discuss this collaboration.

IV. Public Health Department Update

Carole Ferrari announced that as of June 30th, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department will be eliminating their Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program, including components of Cal-Learn and the Adolescent Family Life Program. These services will be contracted out to a community agency, though the County has not yet released the RFP. Although some other community resources do exist in this arena, the County program had been successful in providing intensive case management services for teens to help delay subsequent pregnancies.

V. Announcements

PAC/LAC's 10th Annual Conference: **Quality of Life for Families X – Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy** will be held on Monday, June 5, 2006 at the Hilton Los Angeles North in Glendale. Featured topics will include: Donor Milk Banks: Local Strategies, Prenatal Diagnostic Testing Requirements and Options, Reducing Perineal Lacerations, Surfactant Therapy Update, and Preterm Birth Infection. Contact info@paclac.org to register.

The Early Childhood Mental Health-Special Needs Collaborative, Santa Barbara County ADMHS, and First 5, are holding a continuing education seminar with Dr. Ira Chasnoff on May 23, 2006, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, at the Marriot Santa Ynez Valley. Dr. Chasnoff will speak on "The Nature of Nurture: Assessment and Treatment Strategies for the Drug-Exposed Child". To register, or for more information, contact Sandra Fahey at 805-934-6539.

NEXT MEETING:

August 3, 12:00-2:00 PM
Ventura County Public Health Department
2nd Floor Conference Room (Room 200)
2240 East Gonzales Road
Oxnard, CA 93036