



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

## Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality

Date: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Claiborne Building, Dakota Room, 1201 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

### Members in attendance:

- Dr. Scott Barrilleaux
- Dr. Karli Boggs
- Dr. Courtney Campbell
- Ms. Aundria Cannon
- Ms. Erika Moss
- Dr. Amarjit Nijjar
- Ms. Amy Zapata
- Dr. Rodney Wise

### Members not in attendance:

- Senator Regina Barrow
- Dr. Joseph Biggio
- Representative Rhonda Butler
- Ms. Leslie Lewis
- Dr. Steven Spedale
- Dr. Marshall St. Amant
- Ms. Emily Stevens
- Family Practitioner (Vacant)

### Support Staff:

- Mr. Shane Bates– Louisiana Department of Health
- Dr. Ayesha Umrigar – Louisiana Department of Health

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were not approved due to a quorum not being present

### Workgroups

- There will be an email/survey to assign members to the workgroups.

- **Mental Health:** Discussion on BFH and OBH (e.g., Louisiana Mental Health Perinatal Partnership, or LAMHPP) on mental health services for post-natal women. The goal is to gain traction on screening at provider offices.
  - Discussion on how to guide a pregnant/post-partum woman through the referral process and training practitioners who want to provide these services.
  - The hope is to adopt a collaborative care model - much better outcomes and financially beneficial in the long run.
  - Discussion were had on funding. The program is currently funded through a grant, and needs more sustainable funding. Currently, BFH is seeking another funding source to supplement this program.
  - LAMHPP and Provider-to-Provider Consultation Line (PPCL) are the same now – seeing improvement in services offered.
  - There was a recommendation for a drug treatment clinic model to work with obstetricians and pediatricians. Dr. Boggs mentioned the concern of what information can be shared– has worked as a barrier to providers in the past. Clinic cannot share unless patient provides consent.
  - Concerns were raised regarding the ability to give time to patients.
- **Congenital Syphilis:** The work will be to identify treatment barriers (ensure timely), areas who could benefit from education, testing (for all women), applicability of law and reporting.
  - Discussions on standard of care:
    - Routine screening in high risk areas
    - Universal Screening
  - (Public Health) Education and Outreach
    - LaPQC support education of condition
- **Care Coordination:** The goal is to have a greater involvement in communication between Perinatal Commission and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs); it will also serve as a cross-cutting work group that will touch on the work of all other work groups. It was noted that care coordination should be a focus in each work group, not serve as a separate work group. MCO presentations on programs offered the following:
  - Transition of care
  - Plan of Care
  - Case management (home visiting services – offered via contract; follow-up care)
  - Communication plan (message to provider and patient)
  - Discharge planning
  - Single point of contact (contact provider for areas of service)
  - Discussion of resources available and current contracts
  - It was noted that current contracts require home visits.
  - Contract defines tiers and plans of care:
    - MCO initiates a home visit.
    - Transition of care is for any discharge.
    - MCO is charged with developing a plan
- **Person-Power:** Activity to focus on physician specialist; communication plan, retention; concerns with practicing in this state (laws and regulations that are practice-friendly)
  - Issues noted were lack of staff and issues with training and retention.

**Discussion on policies**

- Items that were proposed:
  - Increasing the number of MAT waived providers
  - Individualized pain care
  - Utilization of telehealth
  - Tax credit for employers who provide time off
  - Peer support groups
  - Community awareness of Narcan distribution
  - Provider education

**Legislative Updates**

- Ayesha Umrigar, BFH Legislative Coordinator, presented the current legislation moving through the session and gave the status.

**Membership updates**

- Follow up on status of the Family Practitioner members.

**Announcements**

- LaPQC Website: Dr. Gillespie shared link to where the website is included on the Partners for Family Health website.

**Public Comment**

- During the Care Coordination Workgroup discussion, it was noted that the group could build out infrastructure and then take the information to the subject matter work groups

**Adjournment**