

What Happened During Session II:

Infant Mortality Strategic Planning in the Atlanta Perinatal Region

May 31, 2017

12:00PM – 4:00PM

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education
Clayton State University
2000 Clayton State Boulevard
Morrow, GA 30260

Planned Objectives:

1. Develop a common understanding about selection of strategic goals and the services that may be available to address facilitating factors of IM in the Atlanta Perinatal region.
2. Include and engage in a meaningful way attendees in identifying and prioritizing strategic goals.
3. Generate an understanding of the perception of attendees relative to the resources available to mothers and infants to reduce IMR and facilitating factors in their areas.

Who Was in the Room?

Organization	Contact
Atlanta Healthy Start Initiative / Georgia Perinatal Association	Danette Glass
CareSource	Patricia Jones
Clayton County Perinatal and Infant Health Coalition	Wendy Miller
Clayton State University	Derrickia Cullins
DCH Women's Health	Perri Smith
Dekalb Medical	Rose Horton
Dekalb Medical	Christine Fisher
DFCS	Peggy Woodard
DPH	Leonardo Parker
DPH	Anna Rhau-Bernhard
DPH District 3-1	Laurie Ross
DPH Maternal & Child Health Section	Renee Johnson
Feminist Women's Health Center	Megan Gordon
Fulton County	Cassandra Mitchell
Fulton County Board of Health	Beverly Kelly
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	Dr. John Carter
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	Trebor Randle
Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition	Kathleen Chiu
Georgia Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics	Arlene Toole



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Coalition of Georgia

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Georgia Health Policy Center	Chris Parker
Georgia WIC	Shameyrae Miller
Grady / ROSE / CHOA	George Bugg, MD
Habersham County Medical Center	Linde Mitchell
Happily Nursing/SELCA	Liane Varnes
HMHB Board / MAG Alliance	Merrilee Gober
HMHB Board Member	Caryn Hanrahan
HMHB Board Member	Erica Francis-Scott
March of Dimes Georgia	Danielle Brown
Women and Children's Health Clinic at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC)	Aubrey Scott
Northside Hospital	Marci Biel
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia	Julia Neighbors
Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere	Kimarie Bugg
Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere	Paula Bugg
Georgia General Assembly	Representative "Able" Mable Thomas
Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children	Angie Boy
Stephens County Hospital	Rebecca Chambers
Stephens County Hospital	Kristen McEntire
WellCare	Audrey Eleby
Women and Children's Health Clinic at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC)	Bridgette Schulman
YWCA	Thomasine Leachman

Part I: Infant Mortality Data & Research

Dr. John Carter, epidemiologist with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Child Fatality Review section, answered questions related to data requests from session I. Criss Sutton then provided a review of the activities and decisions that resulted from the first session.

Priorities Identified:

- Lack of health insurance
- Poor access/inadequate use of prenatal care
- Preconception/interconception care and counseling
- Health inequity
- Substance abuse
- Poor health status
- Obesity
- Poor mental health
- Lack of breastfeeding
- Poverty
- Low Educational Attainment
- Stress and Lack of Support
- Lack of housing
- Low Birth Weight
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)/Sleep Environment
- Pre-term birth
- Congenital malformation and anomalies

The group then discussed themes among the priorities and whether they fit into three categories: access to care, maternal health, social determinants of health, and infant outcomes.

Criss Sutton then presented summarized observations about the directory of services and survey data related by the four categories, including infant health. The group then reviewed what is needed and why by category.

Part II: Interactive Group Discussion

Based on the priorities established, the existing services and planned service expansion, group understanding of their communities, and the data presented, participants were broken into 1 of 6 groups and noted their reactions to each of the priority cluster areas by answering the following questions:

- What opportunities are there to have a positive influence on these priority areas? What is needed?
- Are there regions that should be a focus or should efforts focus on the entire 39-county region?
- Any areas in this cluster that should not be a focus of the regional efforts to reduce infant mortality?

In a round robin style, each group shared their input and developed an overarching goal for each of the cluster areas.

Part III: Interactive Goal Development Activity

After sharing their input to each of the priority clusters, each group returned to their starting category and discussed the opportunities noted:

- What themes are there?
- What goals did the groups recommend?

After summarizing all the input, each group developed one overarching goal for their assigned priority cluster and noted what more is needed to develop SMART objectives for their goal.

Table below depicts the 6 goals developed by the end of Session II:

Access to Care		Maternal Health		Social Determinants of Health	
Identify and ensure that women in the Atlanta perinatal region access needed preconception and postnatal services early	Increase the number of communities receiving: perinatal education, preconception, interconception, prenatal (1st trimester) care in the region	Increase community outreach that provides education and resources related to the pregnancy continuum by 5% in (region).	Improve mom's health and wellness in the Atlanta Perinatal Region through assessment and care coordination	To create opportunities and increase knowledge of available community resources to improve maternal and child health outcomes	Create collaborative partnership within the community that develops a healthcare system that responds positively to social barriers that affect maternal outcomes



Clockwise from Top Left: 1-Dr. Carter answers questions about current IM data in Georgia. 2-Participants spend time filling out their reactions to the services available in the region and the priority clusters (social determinants, maternal health and access to care). 3 & 4 – Groups report back on the themes from the small group planning activity and share the final draft goals for each priority cluster.

Next Steps:

HMHB and the Georgia Health Policy Center will work to identify evidence based practices and interventions that address the priorities identified by the group. During Session III the group will revisit the goals that resulted from session II, review evidence informed interventions, and identify SMART objectives for each of the priority clusters.

The group would like to have:

- A list of resources available to people (provided)
- Data to support the goals and objectives developed (provided)
- A plan to monitor the effectiveness of the action plan
- Rural/urban partnerships

The group wanted to have more information about:

- LARC utilization rates
- Successful projects/interventions in other areas of GA and the U.S.
- Legislative priorities relating to our goals and objectives in the next session
- Education and information on home births
- State and local services

The group liked:

- The data presented by GBI and those in the handouts
- The interactive group activities

Thank you to those who filled out the evaluation survey! We have incorporated this feedback into the next and final session.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 12PM-4PM

Chattahoochee Technical College – North Metro Campus

Building B, Room 221

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