



SETRAC Perinatal Committee

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SETRAC Virtual Meeting

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Presenter: Dr. Eason Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Dr. Eason welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting was approved with no changes. Attendance will now be tracked by going to www.setrac.org/perinatal . This is where you will also enter your code words.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Catherin Epps/Dr. Kelli Burroughs Topic: TCHMB Update OB Committee Update	Dr. Weisoly gave an update for Dr. Epps and Dr. Burroughs. There are two new project managers for TCHMB, Susan Dimitrijevic, BSN, RNC, NIC Senior Nurse and Sarah McConnon they are the contact when trying to reach someone at TCHMB for the postpartum hypertension emergency room department or newborn admission temperature project or Texas AIM. Dr. Kelli Burroughs is the RAC representative for the OB committee. The PPED project (Post Partum Hypertension and Emergency Department Project) have done many presentations throughout the state. Those that attended the TCHMB summit got a chance to hear a lot about the project and to ask questions. Since the last meeting in December the release of the driver diagram and change package to the estimated 60 participating hospitals in the state. The model is to get core participating hospitals and then try to spread the wealth with other hospitals that have issues to put a large dent in the severe problem in the state. Project measurement and data strategy were also released to participating hospitals in December. There was no orientation for the data submission webinar on January 13 th . They are testing the data to make sure the datapoints are accurate. A reinforcement call with participating hospitals opened on March 2 nd . An enrollment form, data use agreement, and an intake assessment are the three things needed to become enrolled in the project. Enrollment may still be open for those who have not enrolled please check with your hospitals to enroll for this incredibly important topic. The current hospitals in SETRAC enrolled in the project were mentioned at 22 RACs there is good representation even though there are no Level IV hospitals enrolled but there are Level IIs and IIIs which is good. Statewide this is a very important project even if not enrolled the trickle down from this project will hopefully move the needle everywhere. Following the data is very important for moms and hospital level of care destination. Submission by level of care across the state and delivery volume the low and high and in between was displayed for Level of II, III, and IV hospitals. January – March quarter baseline data collection was displayed for a few	The committee has no further recommendations



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Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Eason Topic: Neonatal Committee Newborn Admission Temperature Project	patients being submitted by March 15 th to test the data. March 23 rd there is a TCHMB OB committee meeting that Dr. Burroughs and Dr. Epps will be attending. A request for full baseline data will be due in April (timeline April – June) based on data from September 1, 2022, when data collection began. Neonatal committee for the newborn admission temperature project 70 percent of hospitals in Texas are enrolled which covers 60% of deliveries. An evidence base guideline was released in September of 2022 that is on the website. To be used if not satisfied where the numbers are or where they should be the guideline offer the intervention to use to get the numbers where they should be. The data for October-December 2022 (6 th quarter) was due to TCHMB by end of January 2023. Hospitals that submitted four or more quarters of data were recognized at the TCHMB summit. There is a dashboard each hospital has a specific number where you can look to see your hospital is the page was displayed and directions given how to get to the dashboard. Looking at RAC Q the numbers are hyperthermia and hypothermia both are in the range where they should be. Their next project is Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening currently in the planning phase. They are developing a draft survey to assess the current practices and barriers around CCHD screening in Texas hospitals. The CCHD workgroup has volunteered from seven different RACs and will partner with the RAC PCR Alliance to disseminate the survey. When the survey does come out, please fill it out it is very important for the project itself. Dr. Debra Freedenberg, Medical Director of Newborn Screening and Genetics will be speaking at the March neonatal committee meeting on the state of the newborn screening and opportunity for statewide improvement.	
Presenter: Dr. Catherine Epps Topic: Update of the TCHMB Committees	More updates were given from the rest of the TCHMB committees on community and data, data being one of the biggest efforts worked on. The community committee have been going through a revisioning by changing their priorities the current chairs are Alicia Lee with March of Dimes, and Evelyn Delgado leader of Healthy Futures of Texas. They have rapidly been increasing their community involvement due to the huge impact of social determinants of health on healthcare disparities. They are actively recruiting new member for the committee for anyone interested in helping with community partnerships in hospitals, they are making sure they have good	The committee has no further recommendations



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	geographic and professional discipline membership. An update on data was given they are looking to revamp the committee. Kendra Folh is one of the chairs they are looking for committee members to join, the term is 12 months with monthly meetings. They are looking for people with expertise in data management, building a data system, project management, as well as quality improvement. TCHMB is now a funded PQC they now receive funding from the CDC which is important for enhancing important initiatives for maternal and neonatal health. The next summit will be February 28 th – March 1 st	
Presenter: Dr. Eugene Toy Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Workgroup Update:	In the January's meeting the importance of the designation process was mentioned. Dr. Toy advised that at the perinatal advisory council meeting he addressed things to watch out for and what to do going forward. One very important job of the council is to look out for communities and hospitals and push back when it seems as though the state is imposing rules, regulations, and policies that are too onerous, don't make sense, and that will be harmful in the long run. He advised if the group knew anyone on the advisory council that it is very important to contact them by sending emails or letters, showing examples of those things. They are developing a system where comments will be confidential. There was a meeting to discuss the importance of Placenta Adherence Spectrum Disorder education. PASD is the second most common cause of OB hemorrhage the first is uterine atony. PASD use to be down at number seven now its climbed to number two and increasing all over including here. The SETRAC maternity mortality and morbidity workgroup discussed creating an educational video to help not only our hospitals but others as well and everyone agreed. Dr. Toy showed the draft video. The video would be used to assist hospitals to comply with HB 1164, maternal designation, and preparation for anticipated and unanticipated PASD. They will work with the members of the workgroup and anyone who would be interested in a consensus process. A list of people that participated were shown on the screen. Dr. Toy presented draft slides that consisted of the following: Objectives, HB 1164 87th Legislative session, maternal designation – https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/HB1164/2021 Requirements for all levels (and also PASD capabilities for Level 4).	The committee has no further recommendations.



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	○ Jan 1, 2023, hospitals need to comply with requirements. Maternal Designation ○ Rules effective January 8, 2023 ○ Includes sections on PASD to be compliant with HB 1164 ○ DSHS Commissioner allowed hospitals to be designated Jan-March 2023 to be delayed until Sept 2023. ○ This delay doesn't change HB 1164 requirements. PASD Designation Requirement #1-2, Appendix A, Screening Appendix B, and screening. Dr. Toy gave a motion for the SETRAC maternal morality & morbidity workgroup to create an educational video of PASD to assist hospitals to comply with House Bill HB1164 designation and preparation. The proposed motion was passed. Dr. Weisoly advised the video needed to go through SETRAC legal for approval in the meantime it will be in the development stage.	
Presenter: Tracie Dauwe/Heather Lozada Topic: Perinatal Planning Workgroup ○ EMS NRP Training	Heather Lozada reported that the perinatal planning workgroup has hosted a their first NRP class for EMS providers and that it went very well. There will be more to come. The mission of the perinatal planning workgroup is to educate, formulate disaster plan management and provide outreach support across SouthEast Texas to regional care first responders, rural emergency facilities and alternative birthing centers to decrease morbidities and mortalities while overall improving perinatal outcomes. The goal is to increase the knowledge and comfort level of first responders providing Newborn Resuscitation to infants born outside of the hospital setting. A survey was given to assess whether they knew the difference between NRP and BLS. The feedback given helped to identify the need and training.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Dr. Rebecca Ballard/Dr. Amir Khan Topic: Low Birth Weight Infant Mortality Workgroup	Dr. Ballard reported that they met on Monday and that they are updating their goals for the workgroup. Their first goal is to better streamline and make a trigger list for the different levels which should help hospitals when trying to prepare for their neonatal designation surveys and also to make individual hospitals aware of what is likely to need additional review and at what level. They are recruiting volunteers to have representation from each hospital level. They looked at public health incidents of infant mortality in Texas compared to national and international standards in the Houston area	The committee has no further recommendations



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	including zip code specific. A lot of the preventable causes of infant mortality are related to perinatal with undernourished moms either getting them any perinatal care or helping them manage their own chronic conditions. That is why it is so important to work together because the outcome of the babies is affected by the care of the moms. Per NICHD the two infant level reductions for infant mortality are safe sleep which every hospital is doing something with. The AAP recently posted an updated guideline in 2022 and to be aware of the recent consumer recall of incline infant sleepers and crib bumpers, they want to make sure NECU is up to speed with the most current AAP evidence and also doing what they say to the families. They want to reach out to OB doctors and community events before moms deliver to give them information on safe sleep and breast feeding. Carrman sent out an updated version of the slide with Dr. Ballard's email address through the listserv for anyone that want to develop and work together to reduce infant mortality in the region.	
Presenter: Dr. Weisoly/Jon Fry/Grace Farquhar Topic: Perinatal QI Workgroup Perinatal Data Collection Survey August 2022	Dr. Weisoly advised the next Perinatal QI Workgroup meeting will be May 3 rd virtually. He reminded everyone that submit the SETRAC data and is involved in the execution and a part of the QI project to please come to the meetings. If they are not receiving the invites or getting the emails, please let Carrman, Tonya, Dr. Eason and/or him know and they will see to them being added. Dr. Weisoly introduced Jon Fry to present the data. Jon Fry was not in attendance Grace Farquhar gave the report. Grace reported that a survey was distributed via the perinatal list serve in August of 2022 to identify barriers to the data collection process, reach out to data collectors who may need assistance, and the goal to increase timely data submissions. Several responders volunteered to serve as mentors and others asked for assistance regarding the data collection process. A mentor meeting was held in November to discuss sharing best practices and how to meet with those needing assistance. A virtual meeting was held in January with the mentors and those requesting assistance. Those in attendance who requested assistance opted to meet one-on-one with mentors who were using the same EMR. Q4 2022 data was due February 28 th . Q1 2023 data is due May 31 st . Data submission is required for SETRAC participation letters to be released for state designation/redesignation. Thos who didn't know who was entering their data they were to reach out to their department or email Grace Farquhar	The committee has no further recommendations



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	at Grace.Farquhar@setrac.org Dr. Eason applauded everyone that have submitted their data and that submit data.	
Presenter: Kendra Folh Topic: Neonatal & Maternal Program Manager Meeting Neonatal and Maternal Program Managers	Kendra thanked all the project managers who have been attending the meetings monthly. Kendra asked Audrey Barnett to come up and join her who has been doing an awesome job facilitating the meetings. She advised there would be a poll for co-chair for the council going out soon. Audrey advised that the group have met for the past 4 or 5 months with 70+ people on the call. They are doing an open forum on survey readiness, survey preparation, lessons learned, pearls of wisdom (hard fought hard won along the way), and how to set the next facility up for survey no matter their hospital system. They have talked about the following; how important it is for their program managers and medical directors to participate in TCHMB, Other hospital collaboratives from other states sharing their lessons learned and taking that model and bringing it back to SETRAC in each council, survey readiness prep how everybody handles urgent requests and how to avoid getting dinged on documented. Next month the hospitals that are surveying this month have offered to talk about their lessons learned. Next month Memorial Hermann the Woodlands Neonatal will be surveying. Rhonda Polk volunteered to speak on their level II maternal survey they are going for Level III. Audrey thanked Kate Drone for being the co leader on the maternal side.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Joy Greenberg, PHARM-D Topic: Antibiotics Project Introduction of new co-lead Joy Greenberg, PHARM-D	Joy Greenberg advised that Dr. Hajj stepped down and that they are working on getting a chair for the group. The goal percentage of NICU infants receiving antibiotics in the first week of life more than 1h after order/birth (if order placed prior to birth) current percentage 24% in 2022 Q1-2 They voted in the last meeting to update the project goal to decrease the percentage to 20% by June 2024. Joy thanked everyone working in the NICU trying to reach the goal. Their annual survey went out she thanked the 22 programs that completed the survey giving insight on how to help other programs they have 60% programs that are using the online antibiotic timeliness toolkit they will continue to update it. Dr. Weisoly thanked Dr. Hajj for leading the project and her work there have been tremendous progress.	The committee has no further recommendations



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Open Discussion	Dr. Weisoly advise we are in the middle of final stretch of advocacy for a statewide perinatal database. He spoke with 10 legislators yesterday, there are three house sponsors and as of this morning two senate sponsors for the rider for the perinatal database. TTAF will help to bring everyone together as representative arm in the RAC. Dr. Weisoly advised he spoke with Lori Upton on the TCHMB white paper that have been sent out all over the state that can be used as talking points. These are things to use to talk to the legislatives, representative and senators. The QI Awards were given out to the following hospitals. Overall NICU Breastfeeding on Discharge Ben Taub Hospital Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital Overall VLBW Breastfeeding on Discharge Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital Texas Children's Hospital – The Woodlands The certificates will be sent to each hospital's CEO.	The committee has no further recommendations
Adjourn / Next Meeting	Dr. Weisoly adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be in person Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 1:30pm to 3:00pm	Code Words March/Madness