



SETRAC Maternal Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Virtual Meeting

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenters: Dr. Kelli Burroughs/ Dr. Aaron Roberts Topic: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes	Dr. Aaron welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the Maternal Subcommittee. Attendance will be tracked by going to www.setrac.org/perinatal . This is where you will also enter your code words. The minutes from April 15, 2025, meeting were approved.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Carey Epps/ Ashley Sperber Topic: Presentation Maternal Substance Use Disorders	Dr. Epps and Ashley Sperber presented on substance abuse disorder. Dr. Epps stated she wanted to share information on this program in hopes that others would be interested in doing more on substance use disorders in their facilities. Dr. Epps showed slides with data and talked about Maternal Morbidity and Mortality associated with substance use disorders in Pregnancy and Postpartum. She talked about partnerships and interventions to reduce SMM and Mortality. She talked about Validated Screening Tools vs. Urine Drug Screen. She shared information with the members on the Federal Laws, State Laws and Hospital Policies. Dr. Epps stated that there is funding for this project and there is recent house bill that has expanded this program, and they need more patients to justify this program is necessary. Ashley Sperber also presented and talked about the Family Care Portfolio. It is an advocacy tool to assist patients in documenting their recovery journey for use in cases of CPS involvement. She talked about Eat/Sleep/Console for after the babies are born, which is an approach to monitoring and managing newborn opioid withdrawal. She shared an article on a study that was published. She shared data results and some benefits from the eat/sleep/console functional assessments. Ashley shared information on the community partners, specifically Santa Maria Hostel as they are very crucial to the success of their patients. Ashley gave a brief overview of the MOM model. The objective is to improve quality of care and reduce costs. She shared outcome data from the MOM model. Key outcomes show the Mom model has been very beneficial to patients enrolled in the program. Ashley and Dr. Epps stated they are happy to form a partnership, give advice and do outreach with any interested facilities. They left contact information for any patient referrals.	The committee has no further recommendations.



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Presenter: Dr. Kelli Burroughs Topic: Old Business - Primary Cesarean Rates Project Presenter: Dr. Aaron Roberts Topic: Old Business - Congenital Syphilis Project	Dr. Burroughs topic for old business was the Primary Cesarean Rates Project. She stated the overall goal as previously suggested is to identify the cesarean rates across Texas and come up with a strategic plan on how to reduce the primary cesarean rates. She recapped that she previously presented the written Proposal to present to SETRAC, which highlights the project. Dr. Burrough clarified the numerator and denominator. Dr. Burroughs talked about the objective, project design, data collections period, population definition, data parameters and data privacy. Dr. Aaron talked about the Congenital Syphilis Project, which is a collaboration with the Neonatal partners. He recapped their last meeting, which they discussed data definitions. He stated there are trail runs on data collection being run at some facilities. More to come.	The committee has no further recommendations
Topic: Open Discussion	Melanie suggested addressing pre-hospital care and protocol for maternal patients. There was open discussion on this topic between the members. There was no other open discussion.	Dr. Aaron and Melanie will prepare a presentation for EMS on pre-hospital protocol
Adjourned/Next Meeting	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 1:00pm-2:00pm	Code Words Taco/Truck