



SETRAC Perinatal Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Virtual Meeting

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Eason Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Dr. Eason welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting minutes from September 10, 2025, were 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. This meeting was in person and virtual.	The committee has no further recommendations
New Business: Presenter: Dr. Eason Topic: Medical Director Election New Business: Presenter: Dr. Eason Topic: 2026 Committee Goals Presenter: Houston Health Department Topic: Research/ PI Projects Presenter: Grace Farquhar Topic: Research/ PI Projects Old Business: Presenter: Dr. Tiffany Molina Topic: TCHMB- Neonatal Update Presenter: Kate Drone Topic: TCHMB Update-OB Update	Dr. Eason started the meeting by announcing the nominees for the position of medical director for maternal and neonatal medical directors. These positions will provide leadership and guidance to the neonatal and maternal groups, and nominations will be voted on in December. The QR code was shared and the members voted. Both medical directors: Dr. David Wesisoly(neonatal) and Dr. Leslie Rafanan (maternal) will continue holding those positions. Dr. Eason briefly mentioned the 2026 committee goals, stating that each subcommittee and workgroup are working on their individuals' goals. Dr. Mayela Cabrera de Bravo from the Houston Health Department presented information on congenital syphilis rates in the city, highlighting the increasing prevalence and disparities among different racial and ethnic groups. She focused on the high rate of Congenital Syphilis in Texas, highlighting that the state's rate is double the national average. Dr. Cabrera emphasized the importance of adequate treatment for mothers and partners to prevent congenital syphilis and discussed strategies implemented by the Houston Health Department since 2022 to address the issue. The discussion also covered the mandatory screening of pregnant women for syphilis and the importance of proper documentation and follow-up treatment. Dr. Cabrera invited all the members to attend the quarterly meetings (FIMR)Fetal Infant Morbidity Review. She also shared information about Houston clinic for those patients that don't have insurance for free screening. She shared contact information 855.264.8463 for the Congenital Syphilis team with the Houston Health Department. Grace stated there are no current Research Projects going on, but it will stay on the agenda for anyone that has a PI Project or Poster Project just let SETRAC know. Dr. Molina briefly discussed that TCHMB's Neonatal main focus is related to the LASSO projects with efforts to address perinatal syphilis concerns. She stated that packets will be sent out to hospitals soon. Kate Drone stated that TCHMB Maternal biggest focus is syphilis. She stated they have launched a	The committee has no further recommendations The committee has no further recommendations



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	Stop CS project specific to maternity care professionals at outpatient clinics. She highlighted the completion of a toolkit for the Stop CS project.	
Presenter: Dr. Kulkarni/John Fry/ Grace Farquhar ○ Data Updates	Dr. Kulkarni started with the SETRAC database summary. She reviewed data submissions for 2024-2025 as of 12.5.25. She reminded all that Data submission is required for SETRAC participation letters. Q3-2025 was due 11.30.25. Dr. Kulkarni also let all members know they can contact Grace directly to see who is responsible for their facilities for reporting data to SETRAC. Grace.Farquhar@setrac.org . She presented perinatal data, noting improvements in hypothermia rates and a downward trend in bloodstream infections in NICU admissions. The team also discussed data submission rates for various hospital levels and planned to conduct further analysis on length of stay for very low birth weight infants. She presented data on bloodstream infections, neonatal mortality rates, and transfer patterns across facilities. She noted that RAC performs well compared to national benchmarks for bloodstream infections and VLBW mortality. Dr. Kulkarni also highlighted a concerning upward trend in inborn VLBW mortality since 2023, which needs further monitoring. The antenatal steroid administration rates have improved over time, reaching 88% in 2023. Transfer patterns across facilities showed a decrease in VLBW admissions to Level 3 NICUs, while Level 2 NICU births have decreased, suggesting better regionalization. Grace announced an upcoming database upgrade, which will remove two maternal data questions starting January 2026. Dr. Kulkarni and John Fry mentioned that their data subgroup will discuss potentially removing some surveillance metrics due to the increasing number of metrics being tracked and open the floor to feedback from the members.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Peyton Villarreal Audrey Barnett/Kate Drone Topic: Perinatal Program Managers Update	Audrey provided an update on the Perinatal Program Leader subcommittee's progress towards 2025 SMART goals, including the successful implementation of an education request portal. Still working on the transfer feedback form and there will be more discussion on the 2026 goals at the next meeting. More to come.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Kelli Burroughs/ Aaron Roberts	Dr. Kelli Burroughs gave an update on the maternal subcommittee's cesarean rate data collection project, which is set to begin in Q-1 2026. Dr. Burroughs	The committee has no further recommendations



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Topic: Maternal Subcommittee Update	plans to meet with neonatal partners to discuss additional outcome data for cesarean rate project. She also will be submitting the written proposal for the primary cesarean rate project to the data subcommittee. More to come on that. Dr. Burroughs also gave the update for Dr. Roberts as he wasn't in attendance. She discussed ongoing projects such as the NTSV Cesarean rate initiative and a syphilis data collection project in collaboration with the neonatal subcommittee. She stated the data definitions are done and trials for Cogential Syphilis project are set to start Q1-2026.	
Presenter: Dr. Eugene Toy Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Workgroup Update	Dr. Toy presented and shared insights into QAPI practices and emphasized the importance of proper documentation to meet designation requirements. He also discussed potential issues with EMTALA compliance and the dangers of having nurses perform medical screening exams instead of physicians.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Dr. Rebbecca Ballard/ Dr. Amy Tsai Topic: Infant Mortality & Morbidity Workgroup	Dr. Tsai recapped what this workgroup is working on. She talked about the Congenital Syphilis Project. She reminded all that this is a combined project between maternal and neonatal. Dr. Tsai recapped the last meeting stating they had voted and approved the revised data points. Dr. Tsai presented data on congenital syphilis rates and outlined plans for a new data collection project in 2026.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Tiffany Molina/Dr. Rawalt Topic: Breastmilk at Discharge Project Update	Dr. Molina presented updates on neonatal breastfeeding metrics, highlighting improvements in breastmilk at discharge rates and the 28-day metric for all birth weight infants. She reviewed progress on their NICU discharge and breast milk initiatives, with current metrics showing 71.5% of infants discharged on any amount of mother's own milk, compared to 2024's performance. Dr. Molina discussed their LASSO Texas project, which has enrolled 26 units, with pre-work packets to be completed by February 9th and learning sessions scheduled for February 26-27. She noted that while they fell short of some SMART goals, including tracking milk production and delivery for VLBW infants, they achieved 93%-unit participation in the project and identified early pump access as a key success factor.	The committee has no further recommendations



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Presenter: Dr. Sushma Nuthakki/ Joy Greenberg Topic: Antibiotics Timeliness Project	Dr. Nuthakki discussed their progress toward reducing delayed antibiotic administration in neonates, with current compliance at 29% and a goal of 25% by end of 2026. She reviewed data from Q1-2020-Q2-2025. Dr. Nuthakki reviewed interventions including nurse incentives, bedside timers, and EMR improvements, with nurse incentives selected as the focus for the first quarter of 2026. She reminded the members that the toolkit and resources are on the website. Joy presented a manuscript detailing the project's history and results, showing improvements from 38.6% to 29.8% in timely antibiotic administration after interventions were implemented. The group approved submitting the manuscript to the Journal of Pediatrics.	The committee has no further recommendations
Open Discussion	SETRAC presented awards for various hospitals' achievements in breast milk usage and antibiotic timeliness. There was no other open discussion between the members.	The committee has no further recommendations
Adjourn / Next Meeting	Dr. Eason adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be in person/online Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 1:00pm to 3:00pm	Code Words Jingle / Bells

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Columbus Community Hospital

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Candice Nolan

Memorial Hermann Cypress

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Madhu Kulkarni

St. Luke's The Woodlands

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Dec 10, 2025	Sarah Thompson	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
Dec 10, 2025	Andrea Richter-WERNING	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
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Dec 10, 2025	Christina Franklin	HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
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Dec 10, 2025	Alicia Evans	HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe
Dec 10, 2025	Carol Carroll	Memorial Hermann Katy
Dec 10, 2025	Bobbie Story	Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Dec 10, 2025	Dr Karolina Adam	HCA Houston Healthcare The Woman's Hospital of Texas
Dec 10, 2025	Alex Sjoval	Memorial Hermann Southwest
Dec 10, 2025	Hector Pierantoni	St. Joseph Medical Center
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Dec 10, 2025	Amit Bhatt	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
Dec 10, 2025	Sarah Hodges	HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake
Dec 10, 2025	Susan Weishaar	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball
Dec 10, 2025	Sophia Tsakiri	LBJ General
Dec 10, 2025	Heather Sechelski	Houston Methodist Cypress
Dec 10, 2025	Valerie Moore	Houston Methodist Hospital (TMC)
Dec 10, 2025	Jerry Gee II	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights
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Dec 10, 2025	Christina Calderon	HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast
Dec 10, 2025	Martina Ayad	Memorial Hermann Southeast
Dec 10, 2025	Brooke Shoemaker	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
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Dec 10, 2025	Carly Shahbazian	Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital
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Dec 10, 2025	Amy Tsai	Memorial Hermann Memorial City
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Dec 10, 2025	Alison Fos	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
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Dec 10, 2025	Pam Jacobi	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
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Dec 10, 2025	Kelly Henasey	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
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