



## Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight Women's Health Subcommittee

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*All women are healthy and have the opportunity to achieve a productive life, which may include pregnancy and parenting. The Subcommittee will focus on strategies, which include but are not limited to evidence-based interventions before, during and after pregnancy. Additionally, the Subcommittee will address established woman and child health indicators and associated outcome measures in consideration of woman's health across the life span.*

**Chair: Amy Gagliardi**  
**Monday May 14, 2012 at 9:30 AM in LOB Room 1B**

### **Bernadette D' Almeida (CHNCT) - Pregnancy Notification Form**

Bernadette D' Almeida presented CHNCT pregnancy notification form. The form had been worked on collaboratively with Dr. DeFrancisco, Dr. Mark Schaefer, Granda (CHNCT). The form was made so, it could be easy to complete by practitioners, providers, and office staff. The information is processing for future care management.

- The process includes a log-in to the provider portal, logging in the patient name/ Client ID. The pilot is still being corrected. Questions asked on the form were such as the date 1<sup>st</sup> prenatal visit and when the first point of contact was.

Discussion and recommendations included:

- Having a comment box where there could be descriptive reasons why they have a no-show.
- Pregnant and no-shows are immediately stratified.
- Ethnicity-Drop Down
  - i. Use what is displayed on Birth Certificate.
  - ii. OMB Recommended

Risk Factors: Depression, Anxiety, Affective disorders -BMI (Hyperlink) - Smoking – and I-Quit Program Cessation, Smoking Cessation-Trauma –Violence –Homeless Transportation Issues -Previous C-Section/ Fatal Reduction/ Per-term labor - Pregnancy- Diabetes -Medications-Care Management-Assessment-Medication can go to other providers -Get another prescription

- *Recommendations:* Asthma As a risk factor, Other Chronic Illnesses, HIV Test WIC Referral made, EDO/ Post Pardon, Type of Delivery, PP- Depression Screening, Information is captured, Referral made to care management, Letter any of care coordination, Schedule of visits, Configuration care management- Care Coordination

Face to Face, Was there referral to dental care?

Other issues and discussion:

- Is provider reimbursement dependent upon this form- No
- Are there determinants of what they actually *need to know*?
- Recommendation: Dental/ Behavioral Contact referral
  - Hyperlink to website
  - Patient services
- The postpartum information will go into a data center
  - Risk Factors
  - Birth Information
    - Baby at type of birth
    - Connect parent to health resources if they have a serious disease.

## **Strong Start Application Update- DPH**

- There was an explanation of the Strong Start Application from Dr. Carol Stone from DPH.
  - Option 1 and Option 3 was chosen to focus on in the application to CMS.
  - Primary Care Home- Option 1
  - Maternity Home- Option 3( ext. Hours/24 Line)
  - Yale University Health in Joining in on the Application.
  - The three year initiative would start in Sept.
  - Working with 17 Different Partners
  - Conference Call and Meeting set up to work of Strong Start Application.
  - Some applicants are working together on application and then filling separately.
  - DPH hired a grant writer from Massachusetts.
  - In option 3 there will be a community based birth center
  - Strong Start will give another update at the June 2012 meeting.

## **Pay for Performance P4P Update- DSS**

- Dr. Zavoksi (DSS) gave an overview of the Pay for Performance Initiative and Update.
- The Department of Social Services is moved forward on the July 1, 2012 date for implementation of the P4P and the fee schedule.

## **NLAPH Team Update**

- Handout to members
- CDC and Public Health Institute
- Promote successful P4P in New London County.

- The team to promote this initiative includes Dr. Mark Schaefer, Erin Jones (March of Dimes), and Uncas Health Dept.
- The team would start with New London County and move towards different counties.
- There will be direct work done in the communities and in the community health centers.

### **Discussion:**

- There was discussion about the switching of providers/hospitals in relation to the % of low birth rates.
- There was discussion about how to engage this neighborhood( North East)
- Discussion about race and poverty can relate to birth outcomes.
- What are providers doing to improve current conditions for women.
- What is the provider mentality?
- Members need to trust their providers in order to improve the culture of health.
- There was discussion of the community health needs assessment by the Department of Public Health in March 2012
- New London- 75 % school Based Health Centers

### **Other Business**

- Khadjija discussed her beta computer software to alert state agencies and members that there coverage is ending. The retention project needs to make sure those being enrolled keep having coverage and are not being dropped.
- The software is an automated program so infants don't lose coverage.
- The data and automation make this program easy and ready to use to reduce retention.

- Khadija suggests her beta program will help CT reduce loss of coverage of members.
- The system tracks individuals in the database to indentify and map those who need their coverage reinstated.

### **Discussion**

- Members feel they need to address and push the problem of the loss of coverage of infants when they turn one.
- The same outcomes can be achieved state-wide.
- The government will save more money investing in a low-cost retention program than spend more on re-enrolling individuals
- The chair will bring this issue to the executive committee of the MAPOC council.
- Khajijas presented at Consumer Access Committee as well.
- If there is no movement within the system, the issue will be brought up to the Elected Legislative Officials to fix within large committees.
- The notices sent to members are un-clear.
- The problem can be solved by adding an automated computer retention system into DSS to target, track, and manager member's eligibility.
- Khadija will speak with the Deputy Commissioner of DSS and report back to Women's Health next Month.

**Next meeting date: June 11, 2012 at 9:30 AM in LOB Room 3803**