

**Central Oklahoma Perinatal Coalition
GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 18, 2008

Present: Maria Arroyo, Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA); Bonnie Bellah, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA); Barbara Boggs, Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD); Sheryl Glover, (OCCHD); Pat Hernandez-Byers, Catholic Charities; Celia Hollis, Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA); Karen Hudgens, Variety Health Center (VHC); LaDonna Thomas, Central Oklahoma Integrated Network System, Inc (COINS); Jean Kelsey, (VHC); Lynda Kruse, OU Medical Center (OUMC); Marian Martin, Stork's Nest; Constance Phillips, (VHC); Emma Krummrich, (COINS); Belinda Rogers, March of Dimes (MOD); Janis Williams, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative (COHSI); Linda Wright-Eakers, Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH); David Lee, (OSDH); Shelly Patterson, (OHCA); Ronda Williams, Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center (MMMHC).

Recorder: Jeana Atteberry, (COINS).

Agenda Item	Discussion/Summary of Action	Follow-up/Timeline	Responsibility
I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by Bonnie Bellah, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA).		
II. Review of Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the October 19, 2007 meeting were approved.		
III. Education Session – Impacting Infant Mortality	<p>An open discussion with David Lee, Oklahoma State Department of Health, and coalition members discussed ways to collaboration to lower the rate of infant mortality in the state.</p> <p>David spoke about the Outcomes Production Model, a model sponsored by CHAP in Ohio, and the success that has taken place since the model was put into action to reduce infant mortality. He also spoke about the Lay Health Promoter Program; a program out of Richmond, VA. This program started with an infant mortality rate of 17% and by working within the program the infant mortality percentage is now down to less than 3%.</p> <p>David suggested that the number one problem is education. He is in the process of trying to get churches to help with the education to help reduce the percentages of infant mortality. Coalition members asked if the churches would be willing to involve the entire community instead of just teaching within their own congregation.</p>		

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IV. System Coordination/ Advocacy	<p><u>COHSI Consumer Advisory Council</u>, Janis Williams reported to the coalition that Healthy Start hosted a Christmas Celebration in December. They had 64 adults and 76 children present. At the Celebration they recognized participants who kept all of their appointments. The next Consumer Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2008.</p> <p><u>Central Oklahoma Healthy Start Initiative</u>, Janis Williams reported that LaWanna Porter and Patricia Edmond were attending a Regional Conference in New Mexico. Healthy Start has hired two new case managers and is working on their continuation grant.</p> <p><u>Oklahoma Health Care Authority</u>, Shelly Patterson gave a handout to the coalition listing expanded benefits to pregnant mothers. The handout also listed new services available. The Prenatal Task Force meets every other month on the third Tuesday of that month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.</p> <p><u>Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies</u>, Bonnie Bellah reported that HMHB will be having their annual meeting in May. She will be traveling to Virginia to attend a Breastfeeding Conference. She will speak about the accomplishments that have taken place in Oklahoma. This will allow the many in attendance to look into the perinatal health system.</p>		
V. Announcements/New Business	<p>Variety Health Center is looking for individuals to join their focus group.</p> <p>March of Dimes is going through a rebranding period. They will have a new logo, colors, and symbol. The walk in May is now called March for Babies.</p>		
VI. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm		
VII. Next Meeting	The next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2008 at 11:00 am.		