

**Healthy Births Learning Collaborative
SPA 7**

June 16th, 2009

Meeting Notes

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AltaMed Health Services

Corporate Office, 4th Floor Training Room B

500 Citadel Drive, Suite 490

Los Angeles, CA 90040

Meeting Objectives:

1. Showcase Presentation: National Children's Study
2. Resume Discussion on the Breastfeeding PowerPoint Action Plan
3. LABBN Update

Chair: Raquel Quezada-Delgadillo

Agenda

1. Welcome ~ We began the meeting with brief introductions.

2. Showcase Presentation ~ Celia Brugman

Ms. Celia Brugman showcased The National Children's Study. The National Children's Study is examining the effects of environment influences on the health and development of more than 100,000 children across the United States, following them before birth until age 21 years. The goal of the Study is to improve the health and well-being of children.

The Study defines "environment" broadly and takes a number of issues into account, including:

- Natural and man-made environmental factors
- Biological and chemical factors
- Physical surroundings
- Social Factors
- Behavioral influences and outcomes
- Genetics
- Cultural and family influences and differences
- Geographic locations

Researchers are analyzing how those elements interact with each other and what helpful and/or harmful effects they might have on children's health and development. By studying children through their different phases of growth and development, researchers will be able to understand the roles these factors play in health and disease. Findings from the Study will be made available as the

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research progresses, so that the public can benefit from information as soon as possible.

The Study will also allow scientists to identify differences among groups of people, in terms of their health, health care access, disease occurrence, and other health issues, so that these differences or disparities can be addressed. The National Children's Study will be one of the richest information resources available for answering questions related to children's health and development and will form the basis of child health guidance, interventions, and policy for generations to come. The findings will also inform scientists and the public about how these factors influence adult health.

For additional information about the National Children's Study or to join the Study's listserv, please visit: www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov.

3. Discussion

- Action Plan: Breastfeeding Powerpoint Presentation

Julie Gates reviewed the Breastfeeding Powerpoint presentation with the group. The group made some suggestions regarding formatting and additional content for the "notes" sections of the slides. Ms. Otilia Elszy volunteered to find out if someone from her agency could help with the Spanish translation of the presentation. The presentation, links, video and handouts will be downloadable from the SPA 7 HBLC Page <http://labestbabies.org/hbhc/spa7.htm>

Members were also asked to send their agencies' logos so they could be included at the end of the presentation.

4. LABBN Update~ Julie Gates

- Healthy Births Learning Collaborative Next Steps

Ms. Julie Gates announced that LABBN's funding has been cut and stated that LABBN will no longer be able to provide the logistical support for the meetings. LABBN will continue to provide some assistance for the HBLCs that decide they will continue to meet, including:

- Maintain the communication infrastructure to support collaboration
 - Website with links to best-practice resources, policy updates, etc.
 - Website- Monthly calendar of community events and HBLC meetings
 - Specific HBLC webpages which describe the Mission and Vision and meeting agenda and notes posted regularly
 - Perinatal links listserv for distribution of timely and relevant research, local events, guidelines, policy news and funding opportunities, and sharing of community resources and questions
 - Monthly eNews for distribution of continuing education, new research findings, policy and advocacy issues, and funding
 - Publicize HBLC news and events through the LA Best Babies Network publications (virtual and print)

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- Participate as a member in HBLC meetings, attending at least one meeting with each HBLC per year.
- Promote links between the Best Babies Collaboratives and Care Quality Collaborative and the HBLCs.
- Continue to seek leadership and broad based community support and participation in the HBLCs by promoting participation in the HBLCs at other collaborative and coalition meetings.
- Publish a written document which describes the background, process, accomplishments and lessons learned by the HBLCs between 2003-2009; "Healthy Births Learning Collaboratives From Year 0 to 5"
- Host an annual symposium in 2010 for all LA Best Babies Network members (HBLC, BBC, Care Quality, and Policy partners).
- Provide Technical Assistance to support collaboration, implementation of evidence-based perinatal programs, universal home visitation, perinatal policies and advocacy.

SPA 7 members all agreed that it is not feasible to continue with the SPA 7 HBLC at this time. It was requested that an email be sent to all HBLC members, including those that have not been attending meetings on a regular basis that will give them information on these changes and inform them who the contact at LABBN will be moving forward.

5. Announcements

- Planned Parenthood encouraged members to call their representative to encourage them not to make cuts the Family Pact Program.

6. Adjourn & Network

Future SPA 7 HBLC Meetings Cancelled