## Orange County Perinatal Council Meeting Highlights October 14, 2021

#### In Attendance:

Robyn Baran, OCHCA/CNSD/Nurse-Family Partnership®
Colleen Brody, OCHCA/17<sup>th</sup> St. Testing, Treatment & Care

Sara Brown, UCI

Pauline Bui, OCHCA/CNSD/Community Programs

Danielle Burns, CalOptima

Dr. Michele Cheung, OCHCA/CNSD

Shamiesha E, Nurse Milk

Ashley English, OCHCA/CNSD/CPSP Lucy Hernandez, OCHCA/CNSD Maridet Ibanez, OCHCA/WIC

Tamarra Jones, OCHCA/Health Promotion and Community Planning

Mashariki Kudumu, March of Dimes

Do Kyeong Lee, CSUF

Cathy Martinez, OCHCA/CNSD/Social Services Nursing Programs

Samar McGregor, PHFE WIC

Ann Mino, CalOptima

Natalie Nguyen, OCHCA/CNSD/AFLP/Cal-Learn

Dr. David Núñez, OCHCA/CNSD

Sarah O'Rourke, First 5 of Orange County

April Orozco, OCHCA/CNSD Arissa Palmer, BreastfeedLA

Ronilyn Ricaforte, OCHCA/CNSD/CPSP

Luisa Santa, MOMS OC

Liza Scammahorn, OCHCA/WIC

Hoda Shawky, First 5 of Orange County Rona Tagayun, OCHCA/CNSD/PACT

Gaby Torres, OCHCA/CNSD/Community Programs

### Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Núñez welcomed all in attendance. Introductions conducted.

### **Updates and Announcements:**

- CNSD: April Orozco is the interim Division Manager for the Community and Nursing Services
  division, replacing Jennifer Sarin. Community and Nursing Services Division (CNSD) services
  have resumed via telehealth and will resume in-person at the end of this month. The
  updated referral form will be placed on the website.
- MOMS OC: Now contracted with St. Joseph and Families Together of Orange County. The on- site team is now available at both places seeing OB patients.
- WIC: On 3/1/21, WIC opened for new enrollments 10/1/21 for existing participants needing re-certification. Fruit and vegetable benefits increased for clients. Working with employers on supporting lactation accommodations for their staff. Hoping to provide furniture and supplies at employer venues so staff can initiate breastfeeding upon return to work and putting lactation policies in place.
- LOHP: Developing bus advertisements promoting access to dental care during pregnancy.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Street Testing, Treatment and Care: Notable rise of STDs throughout the county particularly with pregnant females with congenital syphilis.
- HCA Covid updates: Presentation provided by Dr. Michele Cheung. Orange County Covid rates decreasing, although we may still see additional surges coming this winter.
- Nurse Family Partnership®: Fully staffed with PHNs serving clients. Program is free for women who are pregnant with their first baby. Services continue until the child is two years of age. There is no age limit for the expectant mother. When enrolled, the first time parent will be connected to a Public Health Nurse who will provide support and information needed to have a healthy pregnancy, a healthy baby and tools to be a great mom.
- PMAD Toolkit updates: Hoda Shawky shared the PMAD brochures and care plans found on pages 35-39 of the OC Perinatal Mental Health Toolkit that was emailed to members on 10/12/21. The toolkit contains local resources, evidence-based tools, and recommendations

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to assist healthcare and service providers in offering education, preventive interventions, screening, referral, and treatment for new and expecting parents. Updates to this toolkit will be made yearly. Brochures at the end of the toolkit are available in multiple languages. Group discussed ways the PMAD toolkit can be tracked and shared with clients, as they utilize QR codes, texting and WhatsAPP forum to share information.

• Discussion of past/current OCPC priority activities to continue and identification of new areas of focus: Members suggested interest in exclusive breastfeeding and rates of STIs especially among teen moms in the community.

**Next Meetings:** Dr. Núñez shared that a doodle poll will likely be sent using 1/13/22 as the starting point to obtain feedback from members on the best date and time to set future meetings.