ANNOUNCEMENTS

The AIM Winter 2019 Partner Meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at ACOG Headquarters in Washington DC. The theme of the meeting was Partner Collaboration, and our goal was to provide our partners with the tools and connections necessary to enhance partner engagement within state teams and amongst partner organizations. Presentations showcased some of the work partners are doing in the areas of maternal health disparities, community engagement and patient advocacy. The meeting included two breakout sessions, where partners were able to discuss the importance of partner engagement within states and share ways in which the AIM national team can be more helpful in fostering collaboration between partners.

As part of the activities the participants will attend collaborative calls, take part in educational webinars quarterly, and attend face to face meetings annually. We look forward to the information sharing across not only our state, but with our other AIM state partners working on this bundle.

Louisiana

The Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative planning team is working to reinforce the AIM bundles in the first quarter of 2019, Convening a collaborative-wide meeting and conducting a Listening Tour of our participating hospitals. The January Learning Session brought together teams from 30 of our 31 participating hospitals, and sought to elevate facility team planning around the hypertension and hemorrhage bundles through the lens of equity and patient engagement.

The most successful part of the day was a group problem-solving breakout, where teams worked collaboratively to negotiate improvement problems related to elements of the AIM bundles and the initiative’s Change Package. An essential part of reinforcing the initiative’s hemorrhage and hypertension work, the LaPQC Listening Tour seeks to engage facility teams and administration in their own space, allowing for more targeted support by the planning team. To-date, we have completed or scheduled 15 of 31 visits.

UPDATE ON AIM STATES AND SYSTEMS

Maryland

- The Maryland Patient Safety Center, which coordinates the activities of the Maryland Perinatal/Neonatal Quality Collaborative, kicked off a two year collaborative utilizing the AIM bundle on OB Care of Women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) on February 8, 2019. Thirty of Maryland’s thirty-two birthing hospitals have enrolled in this initiative, with a goal to increase the rate of women in treatment at time of delivery among women delivering in Maryland hospitals with OUD.

- Welcome to The AIM Bulletin! The monthly update on all things AIM.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National WIC Association 2019 Leadership Conference
Sunday, March 3, 2019
More information can be found HERE

Washington State Kick-Off
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Nebraska Kick-Off
Friday, April 5, 2019
Grand Island, NE

Indiana Kick-Off
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Indianapolis, IN

15th Annual Maryland Patient Safety Conference
Friday, April 5, 2019
Baltimore, MD

CDC/ACOG Meeting at the ACM
Sunday, May 5, 2019
Nashville, TN
More information to come

AIM Annual National Meeting
Wednesday, July 31, 2019
Washington Metropolitan Area
More information to come

MATERNAL HEALTH IN THE NEWS

• Delaware State News, February 8, 2019: Delaware Celebrates Maternal Health Awareness Day

• The Denver Post, February 13, 2019: Colorado Maternal Mortality Bill Aims to Reduce Childbirth Deaths

• KXAN, February 24, 2019: State of Texas: Lawmakers Continue Focus on Maternal Deaths

• Johns Hopkins University Hub, February 26, 2019: The Death of a Young Black Mother Brings Attention to the Issue of Racial Health Disparities.

• USA Today: "I am one of the 50,000" Video Series

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