

The NYSALM Quality Committee was host to a subcommittee named Home Birth Integration Initiative of New York (HIINY). This group included midwives Kate T Finn, Karen Jefferson, K Michelle Doyle, Susanrachel Condon, and Connie Kieltyka. Rachel Ritter was student representative and an indispensable support for administrative, technical and citation activities. Evette Hernandez-Leber also participated as a reviewer, as she left the board when she moved to DC.

The HIINY group completed a review of our *NYSALM Statement on Planned Home Birth (2011)*. Following loosely the *IOM Standard for Developing Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines*, the group surveyed existing guidelines for planned home birth from jurisdictions with published evidence of cost-effective and/or safe care. Updates for the document include outlines for routine care and indications for collaboration, and incorporation of the *Home Birth Summit Best Practice Guidelines: Transfers from Planned Home Birth to Hospital*. The draft document was reviewed by members of other maternity care stakeholder groups and legal advisors and amended. The new document, *NYSALM Planned Home Birth in New York*, was approved by the NYSALM board in September and published in October 2015. It can be found on our website.

The last week of October, five meetings were held around the state and a large majority of midwives practicing in the home setting attended one of the meetings. Several members of the HIINY committee presented on the new document and guidelines for collaborative care. The presentation included a power point and discussion of questions. Additional emails describing the rationale and use for the document as guidelines and outreach to hospitals were posted on the NY list for home birth midwives.

Presentation proposals regarding these guidelines were sent to ACNM and NYSPA for 2016 conferences. NYSPA invited Kate and Holly Kennedy to be plenary speakers.

A grant proposal for approximately \$17,000 was submitted to the Transforming Birth Fund to support the work in 2016 of outreach to the 15 NY Regional Perinatal Centers. The outreach will highlight the “safety, quality bundle” of the NYSALM document and the HBS Transfer Guidelines.

Engagement of ACOG-NY in development of coordinated outreach for better transfers from home to hospital has been ongoing throughout the year. There have been three negotiated working arrangements developed with ACOG leadership during this time. We are currently hopeful the latest will develop into concerted forward action. However, we are prepared to move forward with outreach to hospitals whether or not ACOG-NY participates.

Kate still participates with the national Home Birth Summit Collaboration Committee on behalf of NYSALM. This group continues to engage national organizations on outreach of the HBS Transfer Guidelines. NY is poised to be a leader in dissemination.

The Quality Committee has been focused on the issue of planned home birth because there are obvious concerns about occasions of poor care offered to women transferring from planned home births to hospitals. However, the Quality Committee is available to work on quality concerns from other practice settings as well.

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