

CNM Advisory Board Meeting

Time/Date: 9:30a-12p, Mar 6, 2020

Location: First Floor Large Conference Room, NW Valley Public Health Office

7704 2nd St. NW, ABQ (main number: 505-897-5700)

To call in: 605-313-4812, Passcode: 916237#

Present: Catherine Lukes, Kait Knauber-Ferriegel, Sophie Peterson, Claire Bettler, Katrina Nardini, Ada Lee (guest -BCBS staff), Annjanette Serna (guest – BCBS staff), Austin Ritts (guest – UNM nursing student)

By Phone: Katie Avery, Jenny West, Melissa Scott

Absent: Ann Gabaldon

Agenda

Old Business:

Introductions

Minutes Approval (Katrina)

- Minutes approved

Board member update (Katrina)

- In process of vetting new consumer member

Rule Changes - Update (Katrina/Katie)

- Announcement that we will be opening the CNM Rule to change the wording in the scope of practice to allow for the care of men/transgender people around reproductive health care/sexual health.
- Other small changes will be made to Rule as well including clarifying the reinstatement versus reactivation of a license pending lapse versus disciplinary action.
- Two other Rules need to be updated this year (LM and MMRC), so these might take priority

Legislative Update (Abby)

- Abby Reese is stepping away from this position, since is occupied with her role as Executive Director for the NMPC. Melissa Scott, CNM will be the new Legislative Lead and will plan to attend CNM Advisory Meetings to update group.
- Per Abby: “The preceptor tax credit bill, excluded CNMs and LMs precisely due to our licensure through DOH (language was limited to APRNs). This would not have happened if a CNM had been involved in the process of putting together the bill. Someone needs to do a better job than me of making the point that no legislation that intends to include CNMs gets filed without CNM eyes on the bill.” Abby had asked to be included in the process, but she never was looped in. The bill went nowhere this year but needs to be fixed before it is refiled next year.

AIM (Abby/Katie/Katrina)

- Started new hypertension bundle this week
- Of 30 birth hospitals in NM, about 16 or 17 are enrolled in this project

BWRF update (Katie)

- On the eve of making decision on awards. Will be awarded to solo providers only.
- New legislation with LMs included and method to pay employers will be introduced in 2021 legislative session.

Breastfeeding Task Force (Sophie)

- First ever fundraiser event will be in May. Tickets are on sale on their website. Sophie will email Katrina the invitation, and she will send to the group
- The Annual Conference is March 13-14. They have an international speaker from South Africa of whom Secretary Kunkel will be introducing.
- Launching the new clinic initiative soon with the first pilot clinic by the end of the month.
 - Working with WIC and NMDOH.
 - Janis Gonzales and Secretary Kunkel supportive and hoping to get governor's support as well.
 - Using California's 9-step program guide. Developed an implementation tool kit from this. Copied Baby-Friendly tool and modified step by step process and ways to help clinics.
 - Hoping Baby-Friendly will adopt down the road.
 - Lactation providers licensed here, so will be great model nationally.
 - Called the NM Breastfeeding Friendly Initiative

Current board member announcements or updates (all)

New Business:

BCBS Guests (Ada and Annjanette)

- Introductions: Ada works with member focused interventions and Annjanette is a Clinical Practice Consultant doing quality improvement with a provider focus
- Trying to work with us and members to get thoughts/ideas on how to help
- They want to get patients into their first prenatal visit ASAP
- Regarding postpartum visits they are focusing on transportation and getting patients to visits
- Asked for suggestions from group, of which response/discussion was as followed:
 - Change reimbursement for postpartum visit as currently there is no monetary incentive for health system to bring back patients for "extra" care; they will increase measures if they increase incentives.
 - Adopt ACOG guidelines for postpartum visits which is to have patients back by 3 weeks postpartum. Suggest changing to 7 days (from 21 days).
 - Health Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS) – health plans use this data set; health plan gets dinged if patient does not show up for a visit (government penalty).
 - Get postpartum visit as a home visit, with providers going to the home. Noted that harder to do as telemedicine visit as they need to do "hands-on" assessment.
 - Transportation is another issue.
 - Pilot program with community health worker visit at Christus St. Vincent's -community health home visits

- Incentives for patients do exist: car seat for prenatal visit and baby wrap for postpartum visit (some Board members were unaware of postpartum incentive).
- Lactation care as part of postpartum visit with better lactation services and reimbursement for services
- Consider newborn services at postpartum visit (coordination of care).

Legislative Idea for 2021 (Sophie)

- Sophie announced she is scheming about legislative efforts next year to promote a comprehensive postpartum care package. This would include lactation services, increased reimbursement for increased numbers of postpartum visits, mental health services, and substance use disorder services.
- Sophie would like to collaborate with the NMPC as well as ACOG, ACNM, and the NMBFTF as stakeholders.
- Katie suggested looking for examples from Michigan, California, and Illinois.

ACNM National Update (Catherine)

- President Elect of National ACNM spoke at UNM Women's Health Conference in Feb 2020 and took part in the NM Affiliate's meeting.
- Announced that ACNM is meeting this month and will vote on language change to the core competencies to include inclusive language and gender-neutral terms. The Scope of Practice language change will occur at a later date following this change (likely in 2021).

Next Meeting: Friday, June 5, 2020 at Nusenda Training Center (now via ZOOM due to COVID – see link in invite)