Perinatal Quality Collaborative for Maine (PQC4ME)

The purpose of the Perinatal Quality Collaborative for Maine (PQC4ME) is to improve maternal and newborn health in Maine. The PQC4ME is an initiative that is being developed under the Child Health Program at Maine Quality Counts (QC) in 2018.

Vision, Mission Goals of the Perinatal Quality Collaborative

Vision: The vision of the PQC4ME is that all women and families will have seamless access to the maternity and newborn care they want and that is indicated, across the perinatal continuum. The maternity care system actively facilitates this access, including respect for the woman's chosen practitioner(s) and birth setting. This vision will be accomplished by bringing together all stakeholders from across the maternity and newborn care systems to focus on and improve the quality of care and experience of women and newborns throughout the perinatal period in every care setting.

Mission Statement: The mission of the PQC4ME is to improve the state of perinatal health care in Maine, under the direction of expert perinatal clinicians utilizing evidence based practice when available, who represent the full range choices and care options, with inclusion of all interested stakeholders in the process, without undue influence from any one sector.

Goals:
1) Establishing and working on collaborative projects with national and NNE partners such as NNEPQIN to improve health outcomes in Maine.
2) Facilitate transition to a perinatal care system that provides all women and newborns access to safe, quality maternity and neonatal care in the setting of their choice.
3) Provide ongoing interprofessional educational opportunities that create the potential for positive system-wide impact on perinatal outcomes.
4) Make evidence-informed recommendations to support rules, laws, policies and practices that remove barriers and improve outcomes.
5) Support effective respectful communication across disciplines and among stakeholders using evidence based existing and future guidelines.
6) Strategize to support and develop perinatal quality initiatives to improve perinatal outcomes in Maine.
7) Collaborate with existing public health agencies and utilize data to assess outcomes.