



## NJMCQC Meeting Notes – September 27, 2022

### Attendance:

Meeting Participant Type	Meeting Participant
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Marlene Caride</li> <li>• Karen Enoch [<i>Designee for Jennifer Langer-Jacobs</i>]</li> <li>• Deputy Commissioner Dr. Margaret Fisher</li> <li>• Erica Holmes [<i>Designee for Robin Ford</i>]</li> <li>• Lisa Asare [<i>Designee for Sarah Adelman</i>]</li> <li>• Amanda Medina-Forrester</li> <li>• Justin Zimmerman</li> </ul>
<b>Public NJMCQC Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuart Altschuler</li> <li>• Jenice Baker</li> <li>• Julie Blumenfeld</li> <li>• Marilyn Cintron</li> <li>• Robyn D'Oria</li> <li>• Vu-Ann Foster</li> <li>• Helen Hannigan</li> <li>• Keri Logosso-Misurell</li> <li>• Jennifer Mancuso</li> <li>• Mary McTigue</li> <li>• Myriam Mondestin-Sorrentino</li> <li>• Rahbbee Norton-Lee</li> <li>• Hetal Patel</li> <li>• Linda Schwimmer</li> <li>• Interim Assistant Commissioner Nancy Scotto-Rosato</li> <li>• Suzanne Sernal</li> <li>• Trish Suplee</li> <li>• Marikarl Vilceus-Talty</li> <li>• Thomas Westover</li> <li>• Jaye Wilson</li> </ul>

<b>NJDOH Staff</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abiola Animashaun-Amutah</li> <li>• Damali Campbell</li> <li>• Lisa D’Amico</li> <li>• Karen Farrior</li> <li>• Marilyn Gorney-Daley</li> <li>• Felicia Harris</li> <li>• Nashon Hornsby</li> <li>• Renee Kraus</li> <li>• Genevieve Lalanne-Raymond</li> <li>• Mildred Mendez</li> <li>• Mehnaz Mustafa</li> <li>• Adwoa Nantwi</li> <li>• Dee Reed</li> <li>• Carly Slutzky</li> <li>• Tameko Webster</li> <li>• Brandie Wooding</li> </ul>
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<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noelle Abbott</li> <li>• Cynthia Armand</li> <li>• Sarah Bilyj</li> <li>• Christina Cartisano</li> <li>• Kate Clark</li> <li>• Jennifer D’Angelo</li> <li>• James E. Dills</li> <li>• Cecile Edwards</li> <li>• Mirela Feurdean</li> <li>• Tajma Kotoric</li> <li>• Lauren Lalicon</li> <li>• Shin-yi Lin</li> <li>• Sandra Lloyd</li> <li>• Candace Martin</li> <li>• Marcela Maziarz</li> <li>• Kacie McLaughlin</li> <li>• Kaitlyn Meirs</li> <li>• Elise Memmo</li> <li>• Aashka Parikh</li> <li>• Marian Passannante</li> <li>• Maddy Pena</li> <li>• Trashaun Powell</li> <li>• Kareena Sagar</li> <li>• Jonathon Teters</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Tew</li> <li>• Polly Thomas</li> <li>• Rochelle Dalsan Vaughn</li> <li>• Atiya Weiss</li> <li>• Shakira Williams-Linzey</li> </ul>
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*Annotated Agenda*

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<b>Welcome</b>	Tameko Webster, MHI Team Executive Director	The new MHI Executive Director Tameko Webster opened the meeting at 10:03 am.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Brandie Wooding, NJMCQC Nurse Consultant	Began roll call at 10:05 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 members in attendance at the time of the roll call (10:08 am).</li> <li>• Designees for Sarah Adelman and Jennifer Langer-Jacobs were in attendance.</li> </ul>
<b>Call to Order</b>	NJMCQC Project Manager, Abiola Animashaun-Amutah	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed that we established a quorum at 10:08 am.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Review</b>	NJMCQC Project Manager, Abiola Animashaun-Amutah	Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting at 10:09 am, Abiola summarized the formal business to be addressed during the meeting, as well as other topics to be discussed. Formal business included approving the June 2022 meeting minutes. Other meeting topics will include updates on NJMCQC materials and updates from NJMCQC Workgroups. We will also have a brief public comment period.</li> </ul>
<b>Formal NJMCQC Business to Review (Approvals of June)</b>	Dr. Julie Blumenfeld	Formal NJMCQC Business Review began at 10:10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of June 2022 MCQC meeting minutes:</li> </ul>

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<b>2022 meeting minutes)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No content changes were suggested.</li> <li>• Julie requested a motion to approve the minutes at 10:11. Marilyn Cintron moved to approve. Suzanne Spernal seconded the motion.</li> <li>• 17 NJMCQC members in attendance approved the June 2022 notes at 10:13am.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates on NJMCQC Materials</b>	Tameko Webster, MHI Team Executive Director	<p>Starting at 10:13 am, Tameko Webster spoke about changes to NJMCQC materials through the Spring and Summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back in March, NJMCQC members provided feedback on ways that the Department can better promote the NJMCQC overall and what members are doing outside of the quarterly meetings and workgroups. In line with the feedback received, the following preliminary changes were to the website, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updating the NJMCQC description, mission and vision; and</li> <li>○ Adding new content (including an archives section) to the Public Meetings site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Moving forward, we are working with NJDOH’s Communications Department to potentially add a “resources library” section of the website, a section for consumer-facing materials developed by you all through the workgroups and a potential section focused on NJMCQC members in the news.</li> <li>• We will keep the committee updated as we learn more about the site’s capabilities and what we can share on the site using federal funds.</li> <li>• In addition to changes to the website, we have also created new fact sheet documents that will be shared with you all after today’s meeting. We’ve created one fact sheet to</li> </ul>

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		<p>broadly describe the NJMCQC (again, based on feedback from the January and March NJMCQC quarterly meetings), as well as fact sheets that describe the work of each workgroup.</p> <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting</i></p>
<p><b>Updates on NJMCQC Workgroups</b></p>	<p>Workgroup leads: Helen Hannigan, Jaye Wilson, Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty/Trish Suplee</p>	<p>Starting at 10:16 am, the four workgroup leads summarized what their workgroups have accomplished to date.</p> <p>Helen Hannigan spoke on behalf of the Emerging Issues workgroup. She shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In between February and now, we have met to discuss the ever-changing educational needs for pregnant people, their providers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. During our last meeting, we discuss several important questions for consideration including:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What resources are available to birthing people about COVID-19 prevention?</li> <li>2) What resources are available to providers who interact with birthing people about COVID-19 prevention?; and</li> <li>3) Where can information about COVID-19 prevention and treatment be shared?</li> </ol> </li> <li>• During our last workgroup meeting on 9/14, we came to a few important decisions about our meeting cadence and what we plan to produce. In the coming months, the Emerging Issues workgroup will:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) assess the current resource landscape in NJ;</li> <li>2) create a composite of available resources for NJ birthing people (if needed); and</li> <li>3) create a marketing campaign to promote available resources.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Jaye Wilson spoke on behalf of the Increasing Access to LARCs workgroup. She shared the following:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since March, our committee has met to understand how the NJMCQC committee can support education about and access to reproductive health resources. Given all that has happened this year, we understand the importance of equity and access when it comes to reproductive justice. During our last workgroup meeting, we discussed several important questions for consideration including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How can the workgroup support – or develop – reproductive justice educational resources for the public?</li> <li>○ How can the workgroup help providers, insurers and others address institutional bias and trauma towards reproductive healthcare options?</li> <li>○ What resources are available to birthing people by insurance type now?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• During our last workgroup meeting on 8/30, we decided on our meeting cadence and deliverables for the next few months. Between now and the end of November, this workgroup will meet to create educational materials for a few audiences and review ways that LARC service availability is shared throughout the state.</li> </ul> <p>Mariekarl Viceus-Talty and Trish Suplee spoke on behalf of the Continued Strategic Planning workgroup. They shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between April and September, our workgroup has met to redefine the team’s goals now that we’ve completed the first major ask: contribute to the New Jersey State Maternal Health Innovation Program Strategic Plan, which was submitted NJDOH’s federal funder, HRSA, in January.</li> <li>• During our last meeting on 9/7, we decided</li> </ul>

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		<p>that our workgroup will meet monthly to determine how best to implement select recommendations from the NJ Maternal Mortality Review Committee. As we've heard last year, the NJMCQC is not only charged with bringing together diverse stakeholders to address maternal health inequities, but, per Chapter 75 legislation, the NJMCQC is charged with overseeing the NJMMRC. Our workgroup – which includes several NJMMRC members – will meet monthly to brainstorm what that oversight can look like and how the state can actualize recommendations that come from the NJMMRC's important case reviews.</p> <p>Suzanne Sernal spoke on behalf of the Shared Decision Making workgroup. She shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between April and September, our workgroup has met to 1) define what shared decision making looks like for birthing people in New Jersey (especially now that we have officially launched the Shared Decision Making Pilot Program in four clinical sites across the state and 2) what can we do as a committee to help support shared decision making.</li> <li>• During our last workgroup meeting, we discussed several questions for consideration, including: During the last meeting, the workgroup outlined questions for ongoing consideration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How should the NJMCQC define shared decision making?</li> <li>o Is shared decision making the same as “patient centered-care”?</li> <li>o Who should receive information about shared decision making processes in a clinical setting – and when?</li> <li>o How do we empower birthing people to know more about shared decision making</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>beyond the ongoing pilot program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the 7/7 meeting, the workgroup decided on potential deliverables and next steps. The workgroup will continue to meet in the coming months to discuss which resources should be developed for patients and providers (outside of the funded Shared Decision Making Pilot program) by December 2022.</li> </ul> <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting.</i></p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Vu-An Foster	<p>The public comment portion of the meeting started at 10:24 am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vu-An provided brief instructions for making a comment or asking a question about NJMCQC and upcoming activities.</li> <li>• No comments were made.</li> </ul> <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting.</i></p>
<b>Meeting Next Steps and Adjournment</b>	Vu-An Foster	<p>Vu-An discussed next steps and upcoming meeting dates at 10:26 am before adjourning the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will occur on December 13.</li> <li>• Vu Ann requested a motion to adjourn. Jaye Wilson motioned, followed by Helen Hannigan who seconded the motion.</li> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 10:26am.</li> </ul>