



NJMCQC Meeting Notes – December 13, 2022

Attendance:

Meeting Participant Type	Meeting Participant
Ex-Officio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Asare [<i>Designee for Sarah Adelman</i>] • Deputy Commissioner Dr. Margaret Fisher • Robin Ford • Dr. Sharese Porter [<i>Designee for Amanda Medina-Forrester</i>] • Sandford Starr
Public NJMCQC Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Altschuler • Pierre-Jaques Armonie (<i>designee for Linda Schwimmer</i>) • Cathy Bennett • Julie Blumenfeld • Marilyn Cintron • Sharon Deans (<i>designee for Geeta Segal</i>) • Robyn D'Oria • Helen Hannigan • Keri Logosso-Misurell • Jennifer Mancuso • Myriam Mondestin • Rahbbee Norton-Lee • Hetal Patel • Assistant Commissioner Nancy Scotto-Rosato • Suzanne Spernal • Trish Suplee • Marikarl Vilceus-Talty

NJDOH Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kienna Alexander • Abiola Animashaun-Amutah • Damali Campbell • Lisa D’Amico • Karen Farrior • Nashon Hornsby • Genevieve Lalanne-Raymond • Mildred Mendez • Mehnaz Mustafa • Adwoa Nantwi • Carly Slutzky • Brandie Wooding
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Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noelle Abbott • Cynthia Armand • Rebecca Barson • Rachel Baum • Christina Cartisano • Christine Catts • James E. Dills • Jennifer Fearon • Stephen Friedman • Erica Holmes • Raquel Jeffers • Tajma Kotoric • Stephanie Lagos • Lauren Lalicon • Shin-yi Lin • Sandra Lloyd • Candace Martin • Barbara May • Marcela Maziarz • Maddy Pena • Trashaun Powell • Kareena Sagar • Emma Trucks • Shakira Williams-Linzey
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Annotated Agenda

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Welcome	Brandie Wooding, NJMCQC Nurse Consultant	Brandie Wooding opened the meeting at 10:06 am.
Roll Call	Brandie Wooding, NJMCQC Nurse Consultant	Began roll call at 10:07 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 members in attendance at the time of the roll call (10:10 am). • Designees were present for Sarah Adelman, Amanda Medina-Forrester, Linda Schwimmer, and Geeta Segal were in attendance.
Call to Order	Abiola Animashaun-Amutah, NJMCQC Project Manager	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed that we established a quorum at 10:10am.
Agenda Review	Abiola Animashaun-Amutah, NJMCQC Project Manager	Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting at 10:10 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 September 2022 meeting minutes, approving the 2023 MCQC bylaws and voting in MCQC officers for 2023. Other meeting topics will include updates on NJMCQC Workgroups and an open discussion around next steps for workgroups We will also have a brief public comment period.
Formal NJMCQC Business to Review	Dr. Julie Blumenfeld	Formal NJMCQC Business Review began at 10:11 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of September 2022 MCQC meeting minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No content changes were suggested. • Julie requested a motion to approve the minutes at 10:12am. Marilyn Cintron moved to approve, and Suzanne Sernal seconded the motion.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 NJMCQC members in attendance approved the September 2022 meeting minutes notes at 10:14am. • Voting on 2023 version of the NJMCQC bylaws began at 10:15am. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty moved to approve and Keri Logosso-Misurell seconded the motion. With 19 votes, the updated bylaws were passed at 10:17 am. • Voting on the 2023 NJMCQC Chair and Vicechair began at 10:17am. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominations include Julie Blumenfeld for Chair and Vu-An Foster for Vice-Chair. No new nominations were suggested live. • To approve voting for the MCQC Chair, Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty motioned and Helen Hannigan` seconded at 10:19am. • All 19 voting members voted in support of Julie Blumenfeld as Chair at 10:20am. • To approve voting for the MCQC Vice-Chair, Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty motioned and Marilyn Cintron seconded at 10:21 am. • All 19 voting members voted in support of Vu-An as Vice-Chair at 10:23am. • Julie Blumenfeld and Vu-Ann Foster were voted in again as MCQC officers for 2023.
<p style="text-align: center;">Updates on NJMCQC Workgroups</p>	<p>Workgroup leads: Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty/Trish Suplee, Helen Hannigan, Marilyn Cintron, and Suzanne Sernal</p>	<p>Starting at 10:23 am, MCQC workgroup leads provided updates on recent efforts and plans for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning workgroup: As per Chapter 75 legislation stating that the NJMCQC is charged with overseeing the NJMMRC, the workgroup will meet monthly to determine how best to implement select recommendations from the NJ Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The two recommendation areas the workgroup will focus on for 2023 come from on the 2016 – 2018 NJMMRC Maternal Mortality and

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		<p>Morbidity Report and include building provider knowledge through education, and care coordination for patients with specific healthcare needs. Next steps for this workgroup in 2023 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review and modify the implementation plan first presented in December ○ Meet with members of other workgroups (especially the Shared Decision Making workgroup and Emerging Issues workgroup) to discuss educational resource development, barriers to care coordination, and data dissemination partners ○ Meet with NJDOH to design educational resources and marketing campaigns around specific health conditions identified in the 2016 – 2018 NJMMRC report (specifically, cardiovascular diseases and substance use disorders) ○ Share best practices to empower other NJMCQC workgroups. <p>Emerging Issues workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● During the last workgroup meeting, the workgroup brought up several questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now that the committee has reviewed available resources about COVID-19 and pregnancy for birthing people, what information gaps still remain? ○ Do providers need additional resources about COVID-19 in order to promote vaccination among pregnant and birthing people? ○ Given the ebb in COVID-19 cases statewide, should this workgroup still focus on COVID-19 at this time?

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps for this workgroup in 2023 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating or distributing provider-specific educational resources (including information about liability) around care for pregnant and birthing people during pregnancy ○ Analyzing new and outstanding barriers to COVID-19 vaccination among groups of birthing and pregnant people (e.g., Black and Latinx women, other groups with religious exceptions to vaccination) ○ Reviewing other areas for focus in the workgroup (e.g., SUD use among pregnant people) and discuss points of collaboration with other NJMCQC workgroups as needed. • Helen Hannigan posed the following question to the broader NJMCQC: Specifically, how can the broader NJMCQC help identify and disseminate information about COVID-19 during and after pregnancy? <p>Increasing Access to LARCs workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has met to understand how the NJMCQC committee can support education about and access to reproductive health resources. The workgroup outlined questions for ongoing consideration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where are educational resources about LARCs most needed? ○ How can the workgroup help address medical coercion and historical mistrust when sharing information about LARCs (and IUDs)? ○ How can the state support greater provider implantation of LARCs (e.g., is more information about Medicaid reimbursement rules needed?)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can hospitals and communities utilize their partners to provide culturally-appropriate information about LARCs (and birth control more broadly)? ○ How can this workgroup support NJDOH as planning for “My Life, My Plan” activities moves forward? ● Next steps for this workgroup in 2023 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a list of LARC resources by county for providers, especially those in facilities where LARCs and IUDs are not provided ○ Create a webinar series on LARCs for CHWs, doulas and other community-level providers who interact with patients ○ Review or create culturally-appropriate educational materials for birthing and pregnant people to ground prenatal and postpartum care visits ● Marilyn Cintron posed the following question to the broader NJMCQC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Which partners should be included in the development of provider and patient educational resources? <p>Shared Decision Making workgroup has discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The impact of the Shared Decision Making Pilot Program on facilities across the state ● What would potential expansion of the Shared Decision Making Pilot Program look like? What factors should be considered when expanding to other parts of the state? ● What does shared decision making look like beyond the Pilot Program? Can shared decision making be part of patient-centered care models? <p>Next steps for this workgroup in 2023 include:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review survey and evaluation data from the Year 1 Shared Decision Making Pilot Program sites to learn more about emerging best practices and facility needs • Review pilot program expansion proposals from the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute and Ariadne Labs • Research and review other funding sources to support shared decision making activities beyond the New Jersey State Maternal Health Innovation Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Sernal posed the following question to the broader NJMCQC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are there specific areas during pregnancy and postpartum period where shared decision making is still needed? How do we engage partners to address those areas? <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting.</i></p>
<p>Looking Ahead: Goal Discussion for NJMCQC through 2023</p>	<p>Abiola Animashaun-Amutah, NJMCQC Project Manager</p>	<p>Starting at 10:35 am, Abiola engaged the group in a broader NJMCQC discussion around planning for 2023. She posed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there specific areas where NJMCQC workgroups can collaborate? If so, where? • What maternal health data would you like to see as the NJMCQC moves forward in 2023? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Hannigan: The workgroup leads highlighted a number of interesting areas. We should all consider the tools that we have, whether there are social media presence websites or in person interactions to move some of the efforts ahead. I am excited to think about collectively the next steps for action. This is a terrific opportunity to bring information forward to, to give us

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		<p>feedback on what's effective and help define how we're measuring effectiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Blumenfeld: The workgroups are really getting off the ground more than ever before and it is great to see the collaboration across groups regarding what we can do. We haven't had an opportunity to open up this forum to comments and broader input from the group. Now, we can because we are asking about specific things. Please reach out to me or the workgroup leads with comments or suggestions. We value your feedback. Abiola: Please feel free to send an e-mail after today's call to send your thoughts, because we will be collecting them over the next several weeks as we decide on what MCQC will look like in 2023. We at the DOH are particularly open to hearing about funding opportunities or opportunities to collaborate with partners to move this work forward. <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting.</i></p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Abiola Animashaun-Amutah, NJMCQC Project Manager</p>	<p>The public comment portion of the meeting started at 10:43 am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abiola provided brief instructions for making a comment or asking a question about NJMCQC and upcoming activities. Marilyn Cintron shared that she was excited about the committee's work in the new year. The workgroups are working on their plans. She encouraged everyone on the call to help get the word out about what the MCQC is doing/supporting. No additional comments were made. <p><i>No official business was discussed during this portion of the meeting.</i></p>

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Meeting Next Steps and Adjournment	Abiola Animashaun-Amutah, NJMCQC Project Manager	<p>Abiola discussed next steps and upcoming meeting dates at 10:45 am before adjourning the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Additional meeting dates include: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. • Abiola requested a motion to adjourn. Helen Hannigan motioned, and Marilyn Cintron seconded the motion. • The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.