

NJ FamilyCare Perinatal Episode of Care Pilot: *Steering Committee*

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Background on the Steering Committee

The law that established a perinatal episode of care pilot within NJ FamilyCare (NJ's Medicaid program) also directed NJ-DMAHS (Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, NJ's State Medicaid Agency) to establish a Steering Committee for the pilot. For more on the law that established the pilot, see [P.L. 2019, chapter 86](#).

Steering Committee's Scope of Work

Per legislation, the Steering Committee must:

- Develop recommendations for the design of the pilot, with approval of NJ-DMAHS;
- Make recommendations on the start date of the pilot program, with approval of NJ-DMAHS; and
- Report to Governor and Legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program.

Work of the Steering Committee

2019-2020: The Steering Committee met 11 times starting in the fall 2019 through the end of 2020 to inform the design for the pilot. The meetings included:

- Discussion of the pilot goals in relation to the current maternity landscape in NJ;
- Discussion of aspects of pilot design for Performance Period 1, including episode definition, quality metrics, determination of episode spend and quality, and gain and risk-sharing;
- Voting on recommended start date of the pilot program; and
- Voting on advisory recommendations for pilot design.

2021: The Steering Committee met twice to receive updates on pilot implementation progress.

2023: The Steering Committee met once to discuss design updates for Performance Period 2, which started on July 1, 2023.

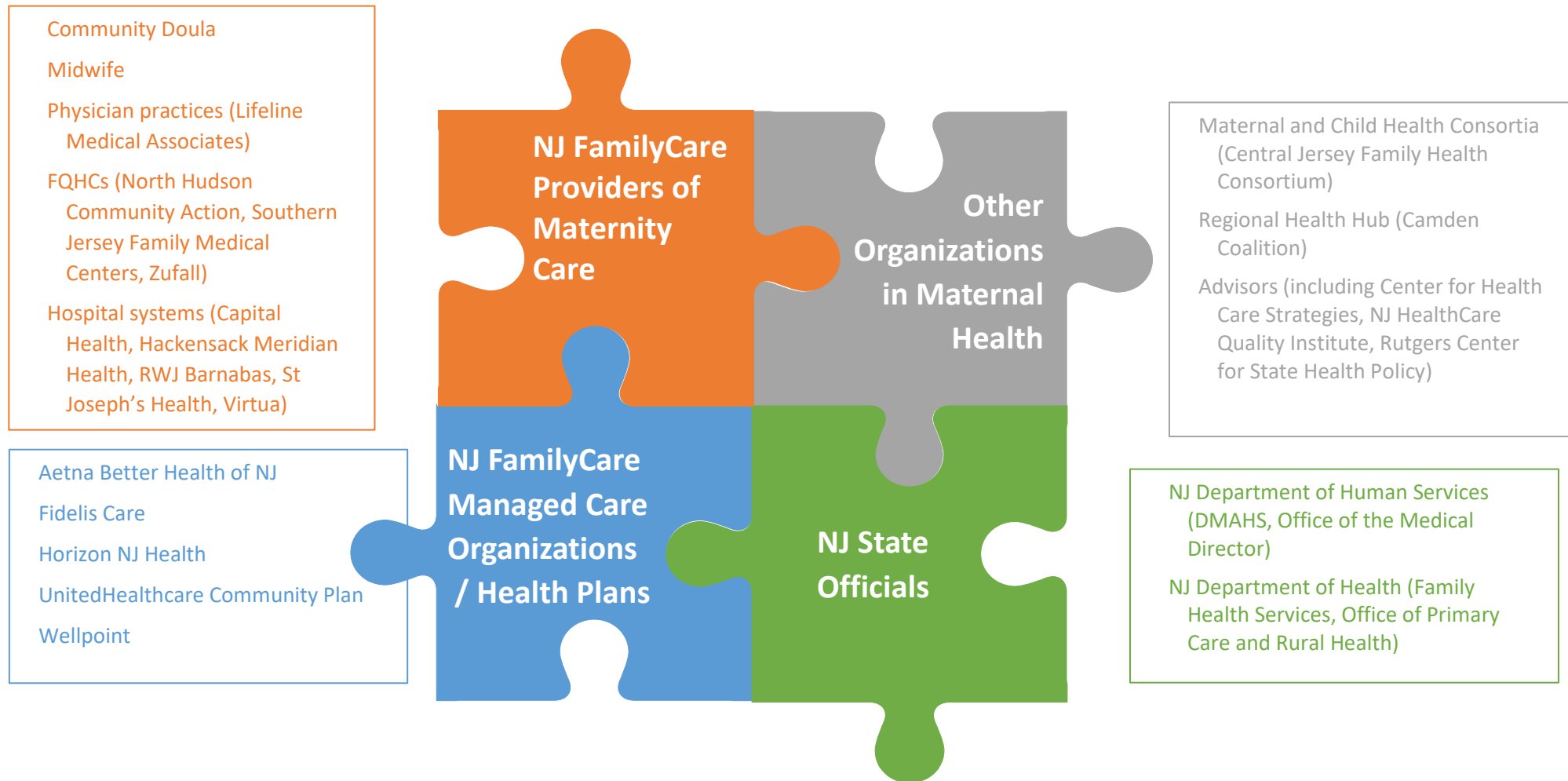
2024: The Steering Committee met twice to discuss design updates for Performance Period 3, which started on July 1, 2024.

Composition of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee includes stakeholders from around the state, representing NJ FamilyCare providers, all NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organizations, federally qualified health centers, and other state organizations.

The Steering Committee is led by Jon Tew (NJ-DMAHS/Policy Director)

There are 26 voting individuals/organizations of the Steering Committee:



Current Roster of Voting Members of the Steering Committee (as of 7/1/2024)

<i>NJ FamilyCare Providers of Maternity Care (12)</i>		<i>Other advisors / organizations in Maternal Health (5)</i>	
Community Doula	Jodi Green	NJ Health Care Quality Institute	Kate Shamszad
Midwife	Julie Blumenfeld, CNM	Maternal and Child Health Consortia: Central Jersey Family Health Consortium	Robyn D’Oria
Physician Practice: Lifeline Medical Associates	Karen Ryer	Regional Health Hub: Camden Coalition	Natasha Dravid
FQHCs: North Hudson Community Action	Rita Knause, MD	Center for Health Care Strategies	Rob Houston
FQHCs: Southern Jersey Family Medical Center	Linda Flake, MBA	Rutgers Center for State Health Policy	Jose Nova
FQHCs: Zufall Health	Midge Clarke, RN BSN		
Hospital Systems: Capital Health	Matthew Yorks		
Hospital Systems: Hackensack Meridian Health	Emily Tonti, MBS		
Hospital Systems: RWJ Barnabas	Michael Keevey Suzanne Spernal, DNP, APN		
Hospital Systems: St Joseph’s Health	Michael Alwell		
Hospital Systems: Virtua	Nicole Lamborne, MD		
<i>NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organizations / Health Plans (6)</i>		<i>NJ State Officials (3)</i>	
Aetna Better Health of NJ	Sajidah Husain, MD MPH MBA	NJ DMAHS Office of the Medical Director	Nancy Tham, MD
Fidelis Care	Claire Roudette / Noralisa Santiago	NJ Department of Health: Family Health Services	Nancy Scotto-Rosato
Horizon NJ Health	Tony Otway, MD Terry Johnson, MD	NJ Department of Health: Office of Primary Care and Rural Health	Omolola Taiwo, PhD MPA
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	Marilyn Gordon, MD		
Wellpoint	Joby Varghese, MD / Van Chang		