



# UWNQC

Utah Women & Newborns Quality Collaborative

## Out of Hospital Birth Committee Progress for 2019:

- Engaged Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the Out-of-Hospital transfer process via a team training/simulation project orchestrated by the University of Utah through a seed grant funding mechanism. This involved developing and conducting three simulations- in rural, urban and suburban settings- with over 100 multi-disciplinary participants.
- Engaged the doula committee by adding doula representation into the committee meetings, incorporating doula best practices into the Best Practice Guidelines, and drafting a “Doula Infographic” for educational purposes.
- Engaged ACOG by adding ACOG representation to the committee.
- Conducted a transfer audit through a query of midwives for 2018 births, allowing us to compare vital statistics records and midwifery data in order to inform the data collection process and improve data accuracy. Drafted a report back to midwives regarding the importance of this data, the rationale for the process and provided client instructions for how to complete the birth certificate parental worksheet when a transfer occurs.
- Modified the current Utah birth certificate in order to more accurately capture home and birth center births, creating the most robust data collection of out-of-hospital births in the country.
- Presented quarterly data on out-of-hospital birth transfers by hospital and birth center.
- Continued to build bridges in the health care community with guest presentations including at the Utah Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) annual meeting and Utah Doula Association (UDA) annual meeting. Two representatives also attended the Home Birth Summit in Santa Fe.
- Created reports to individual hospitals and birth centers regarding their transfer and survey data. These data will now be provided annually.
- Pursued collaborative opportunities with the Smooth Transitions program (Washington State) through an invited guest presentation at our monthly meeting.
- Revised the Utah Best Practice Guidelines and included a new section on Doula best practices.
- Supported the University of Utah in their Neonatal Resuscitation Training for Out-of-Hospital birth providers. Three trainings have been completed, training 40 community midwives (approximately 30% of midwives statewide). These sessions will be conducted quarterly with support from the Out-of-Hospital Birth Committee.
- Supported a University of Utah DNP candidate on a project to educate community midwives regarding the Out-of-Hospital birth Transfer Toolkit.