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Perinatal and Reproductive Healthcare Endorsement Maintenance Steering Committee Member Roster

Laura Riley, MD (Co-Chair)

Medical Director, Labor and Delivery, Massachusetts General Hospital

Laura Riley, MD, is a practicing maternal-fetal medicine specialist with expertise in infectious disease. She is also active in quality assurance as Medical Director of Labor and Delivery at Massachusetts General Hospital. She served as Chair of the Obstetric Practice Committee at ACOG as well as on the HIV Task Force, Obstetric Clinical Document Review Panel and served as an editor of Guidelines for Perinatal Care 7th edition. In 2008, she served as co-chair of NQF's National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Perinatal Care Steering Committee.

Carol Sakala, PhD, MSPH (Co-Chair)

Director of Programs, Childbirth Connection

Carol Sakala, PhD, MSPH, is Director of Programs at Childbirth Connection, a national not-for-profit organization that works to improve maternity care on behalf of women and families. She has been its NQF liaison for 6 years. She provided staff support to her colleague who was a co-chair of the 2007-08 NQF Perinatal Care Steering Committee. She works with Congressional staff on legislation for a comprehensive maternity care quality measurement program and pursues multiple pathways for attaining and leveraging a robust set of consensus maternity care quality measures. Dr. Sakala works along the continuum of clinical effectiveness activities — on systematic reviews, clinical guidelines, and consumer decision aids, along with quality measures.

Joanne Armstrong, MD, MPH

Senior Medical Director and Head of Women's Health, Aetna

Joanne Armstrong, MD, MPH, is a senior medical director and Head of Women's Health at Aetna. At Aetna, Dr. Armstrong serves as clinical lead for a broad spectrum of women's health programs and services as well as clinical and strategic lead for genomic medicine services. Dr. Armstrong is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and has additional training in epidemiology and public health. She is currently assistant professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX and active in clinical practice. She has presented at numerous national and international meetings and has published on a range of topics in women's and reproductive health as well as genetics policy and clinical issues.

Jennifer Bailit, MD, MPH

Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University, and Director of Labor and Delivery, MetroHealth Medical Center

Jennifer Bailit, MD, MPH, is Associate Professor at CWRU and a Maternal-Fetal medicine specialist and Director of Labor and Delivery at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. Dr. Bailit's research focuses on validating and using new measures to assess the quality of inpatient obstetrics. Funded by AHRQ and the NICHD, she is an advisor to Ohio Department of Health on Perinatal Quality Measures, serves as advisor to the Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, and is a co-PI on the NICHD's Maternal Fetal-Network's study "Assessing Perinatal Excellence". Her clinical time is spent caring for high risk pregnancies and as the Director of a large service, she has significant experience with the practical application of quality measures.

Scott Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP

Senior Vice President, Chapter Programs, March of Dimes Foundation, and Professor of Pediatrics, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Scott Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP, is the Senior Vice President of Chapter Programs at the March of Dimes Foundation, where he provides direction in education and community services to all March of Dimes chapters. He also directs NICU Initiatives, Mobile Health Care as well as Quality Improvement and Program Evaluation at the March of Dimes national office. Dr. Berns served as the editor and co-author of "Toward Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy: Enhancing Perinatal Health Through Quality, Safety and Performance Initiatives (TIOP III)". He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric emergency medicine. Dr. Berns is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Jennifer Brandenburg, RN, MSN

Director, Women and Children's Services, Decatur Memorial Hospital
Jennifer Brandenburg, RN, MSN, is Director of Women's and Children's Services at Decatur Memorial Hospital, where she has led several quality initiatives. She started her career at Decatur Memorial Hospital eighteen years ago as a Clinical Coordinator on the Pediatric Unit. She is the project team leader of the Quality Quest for Health of Illinois in the Healthy Babies/Healthy Moms Project and has developed and implemented many community education classes on maternal, child, and family health issues. Ms. Brandenburg also has experience in clinical informatics.

Sarah Brown, MSPH

Chief Executive Officer, National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Sarah Brown, MSPH, is Co-founder and CEO of the National Campaign, a non-profit organization designed to catalyze and support actions nationwide to prevent teen pregnancy as well as unplanned pregnancy among single young adults. Before helping to found the Campaign in 1996, she was a senior study director at the Institute of Medicine, where she directed numerous studies in the broad field of maternal and child health. She has served on advisory boards of a number of organizations, including the Guttmacher Institute, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, National Academy of Sciences, March of Dimes, and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. She appears often in print, broadcast and online media, and is the author of numerous research papers.

William Callaghan, MD, MPH

Chief Medical Officer, Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

William Callaghan, MD, MPH, is the Chief Medical Officer in the Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He serves as a subject matter expert in the areas of maternal health, infant health and women's reproductive health. Dr. Callaghan's medical degree was from the Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1981. He finished his OB/GYN residency at Akron City Hospital in 1985 and practiced general OB/GYN in Western North Carolina for 14 years. Between 1999 and 2001 he was a Preventive Medicine resident at the University of South Carolina and earned his MPH degree with a concentration in epidemiology and biostatistics in 2000. He maintains certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Kate Chenok, MBA

Director, Pacific Business Group on Health

Kate Chenok, MBA, is a Director at Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), where she leads a portfolio of projects focused on delivery system reform and payment redesign. These include an intensive ambulatory care pilot, and the creation of a registry for perinatal care. Kate also led the formation of and currently directs a level-three, multi-institution orthopedic registry, the California Joint Replacement Registry. She has 20+ years of leadership experience in accountable care, delivery system and incentive design, product development, and planning. She held a number of senior leadership positions at Kaiser, the Council of Accountable Physician Practices and Mass General Hospital. Kate has been a consultant with Chenok Associates; Booz, Allen & Hamilton; and Lewin & Associates. Kate received her AB cum laude from Harvard College and her MBA from the Yale School of Management.

Charles Denk, PhD

Senior Research Scientist, Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Program, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Charles Denk, PhD, studied political science, sociology, and statistics at MIT and Stanford. At the University of Virginia and Mathematica Policy Research, he conducted studies of health behaviors, health insurance, and public attitudes about public health and biomedical ethics. Since joining the New Jersey Department of Health in 2001, he has conducted research on smoking, breastfeeding, community needs assessment, family planning, and prenatal care. He has applied hazard and survivorship models to smoking cessation, breastfeeding maintenance, and cesarean delivery; social demography to problems of health disparities; and complex survey analysis to various issues covered by the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System.

Elizabeth Drye, MD, SM

Director, Quality Measurement Programs, Yale-New Haven Hospital Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation, and Research Scientist, Yale School of Medicine

Elizabeth Drye, MD, SM, is Director of Quality Measurement Programs at the Yale/Yale-New Haven Hospital Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE), and a Research Scientist at Yale School of Medicine. She is a pediatrician focusing her career on health care quality and brings to the committee expertise in both newborn care and measurement methods. She is a leader in the development of outcomes measures, and has extensive experience shepherding measures through the NQF endorsement process. Dr. Drye received her MD from Harvard Medical School and her SM from the Harvard School of Public Health. Before becoming a physician she worked in public health policy positions at the White House, in Congress, and in the executive branch.

Rebekah Gee, MD, MPH, MS

Director, Louisiana Birth Outcomes Initiative, Louisiana Department of Health, and Assistant Professor of Public Health and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Louisiana State University

Rebekah Gee, MD, MPH, MS, is an Assistant Professor of Public Health and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Louisiana State University (LSU). She completed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars program at the University of Pennsylvania, and trained in Ob/Gyn at Harvard at the Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General Hospitals. Since 2009 Dr. Gee served as medical director for the maternity program of Louisiana's Title V and since 2010 is Director of the Birth Outcomes Initiative at Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals. She has held many leadership roles including local and national leadership roles in ACOG. Dr. Gee is on the IOM's Board of Health Care Services and is the inaugural recipient of a Gant fellowship there.

Andrea Gelzer, MD, MS, FACP

Senior Vice President and Corporate Chief Medical, AmeriHealth Mercy Family of Companies

Andrea Gelzer, MD, MS, FACP, is Senior Vice President and Corporate Chief Medical Officer for The AmeriHealth Mercy Family of Companies. She is responsible for setting the company's overall medical management strategy, establishing corporate-wide medical policies, corporate oversight of all quality management activities, management of the enterprise-wide medical informatics team, supporting growth efforts and setting network management and contract policy. Dr. Gelzer has served as the principal liaison to medical professional societies, trade organizations, legislative bodies, and advocacy groups. Dr. Gelzer currently serves on the March of Dimes' national Public Policy Advisory Council and has participated in AQA, HQA, and PCPI measure activity.

Craig Gilliam, BSMT, MT (ASCP), CIC

Epidemiologist and Director Infection Control, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Craig Gilliam, BSMT, MT(ASCP), CIC, is Epidemiologist and Director of Infection Control at Arkansas Children's Hospital. He is an active member of the APIC, including service in the APIC Research Foundation, and on the Certification Board for Infection Control. He has certifications of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the Certification Board for Infection Control. He has participated on the National Quality Forum's TAP for Pediatric Infections, the Arkansas Department of Education's Task Force on Children with Special Health Care Needs, and the Arkansas Department of Health HAI Advisory Committee, and has authored peer-reviewed professional articles in the area of neonatology and pediatrics.

Kimberly D. Gregory, MD, MPH

Vice-Chair, Women's Health Care Quality and Performance Improvement, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Kimberly D. Gregory, MD, MPH, is Vice Chair of Women's Healthcare Quality and Performance Improvement, Department of ObGyn at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She is a Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine @ UCLA and the UCLA School of Public Health. She is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine. Her research interests include obstetrical healthcare utilization, cesarean section rates, and the management of complications of labor and delivery as it relates to patient safety and health care quality. Dr. Gregory received her bachelor's degree from UCLA, her medical degree from Charles Drew

University School of Medicine and Science, and her MPH from Harvard School of Public Health in 1991.

William A. Grobman, MD, MBA

Chair, Obstetric Safety Program, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

William A. Grobman, MD, MBA, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is the director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship program. He completed his residency and fellowship at Northwestern University and joined the faculty in 2000. During his fellowship, he also completed a master's of management at the Kellogg School of Management, where he learned techniques of decision analysis, multivariate statistics, and cost-effectiveness analysis. Dr. Grobman has used these tools to publish on cost-effectiveness of VBAC versus elective repeat cesarean delivery and of rapid intrapartum HIV screening. His research interests also include analysis of health policy and the dynamics of patient and physician decision-making.

Mambarambath Jaleel, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and Medical Director, Neonatal ICU, Parkland Memorial Hospital

Mambarambath Jaleel, MD, is a neonatologist at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center with significant interest in improving the quality of newborn care and outcome measures. He completed his fellowship training from Brown University after extensive experience in diverse health systems in four countries. He currently serves as the medical director for a large tertiary care neonatal intensive care unit at Parkland Hospital. His participation in various hospital committees that focus on quality improvement and patient safety is noteworthy. He also has extensive experience in standardization of electronic medical records across divergent and independent health systems.

Barbara Kelly, MD

Medical Director, AF Williams Family Medicine Center

Barbara Kelly, MD, completed an OB/GYN internship year at the University of Arizona Tucson, and then finished her residency training at Saint Joseph Hospital Family Medicine Residency in Denver, Colorado. Since 1994, she has been actively involved in educating residents and fellows. In 2002, she helped create a fellowship in Advanced Training in Obstetrics and Women's Health Care. Dr. Kelly is currently the Medical Director at A.F. Williams Family Medicine Center, a University of Colorado affiliated outpatient clinic, and is actively involved in advancing procedural skills in Family Medicine, including advanced OB skills.

Teri Kiehn, MS, RNC

Operations Director, Women & Newborn Clinical Program, Intermountain Healthcare

Teri Kiehn, MS, RNC, serves as the Operations Director for the Women & Newborn Clinical Program at Intermountain Healthcare. This program serves > 31,000 births/year in 22 hospitals in both a small rural (32 annual deliveries) to a large tertiary hospital (500 monthly deliveries). The program focuses on perinatal program quality improvement at both a system and facility level working closely with physician practices and leadership, best practice guidelines, software development, and inpatient/outpatient care services. Prior to this position, Ms. Kiehn served as the Data Manager for the Women & Newborn program with 6 1/2 years experience assuring integrity and development of IT process to support patient safety and quality improvement, measurement and appropriate patient documentation.

Mayri Sagady Leslie, CNM, MSN, EdD(c)

Chair, Coalition for Improving Maternity Services

Mayri Sagady Leslie, CNM, MSN, EdD(c) is a Certified Nurse-Midwife currently on faculty at The George Washington University School of Nursing. She is currently completing her doctorate at GWU, where her research is focused on the phenomenon of maternity care providers changing practice from less evidenced based forms of care to more evidenced based forms of care and factors that drive those changes. Ms. Leslie was the founding Director of the UCSD Nurse-Midwifery Service and Community Women's Health Program for UCSD; was one of the authors of the national consensus document *The Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative: 10 Steps to Mother-Friendly Care*; and has served twice as the Chair for the Coalition for Improving Maternity Services.

Nancy K. Lowe, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN

Professor and Chair of Women, Children, and Family Health, University of Colorado College of Nursing

Nancy K. Lowe, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN is Professor and Chair of Women, Children, and Family Health at the University of Colorado, College of Nursing. Previously she was a Professor at Oregon Health & Science and at the Ohio State University. Her research has focused on childbirth pain, supportive care, and simulation training to improve team performance and patient safety in obstetric emergencies, and military women's self-care of genitourinary infections. Current work is on dystocia as the primary factor associated with cesarean section in healthy nulliparous women. She is widely published in nursing, medical, interdisciplinary journals; and currently serves as the editor-in-chief of JOGNN, The Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing.

Lee Partridge

Health Policy Advisor, National Partnership for Women & Families

Lee Partridge is a senior health policy advisor at the National Partnership for Women and Families, where she specializes in performance measurement and quality improvement issues with special reference to lower income individuals and families. Previously, she headed the health policy section of the American Public Human Services Association; directed the Medicaid program for the District of Columbia; served on the staff of a US Senator and as chief of staff for the health and welfare committee of the DC City Council, the District's equivalent of a state legislature. She has served on several Steering Committees for NQF, is a member of the NCQA Clinical Program Committee, and is the public member of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies Board of Directors.

Jochen Profit, MD, MPH

Neonatologist, Texas Children's Hospital, and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine

Jochen Profit, MD, MPH, is a board-certified neonatologist and health services researcher trained at Tufts and Harvard University. He is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, and Director of a MD Health Services Research Fellowship. Dr. Profit has a competitive NIH K23 career development award. His primary research interests are measuring

and improving the quality of neonatal and pediatric health care delivery. He has previously served on the NQF's Steering Committee for Perinatal Care and is a Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics Technical Committee on Neonatal Quality Improvement. Dr. Profit has published in areas of quality measurement and improvement, financial incentives, and cost-effectiveness.

Kathleen Rice Simpson, PhD, RNC, FAAN

Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, and Clinical Professor, Saint Louis University

Kathleen R. Simpson, PhD, RNC, FAAN is a perinatal CNS at St. John's Mercy Medical Center and clinical professor at Saint Louis University. She has worked with hospitals/healthcare systems/develop quality improvement/safety collaboratives. Dr. Simpson is principal investigator for Michigan Hospital Association's Keystone to OB Safety. She was a member of the NQF steering committee that developed the National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Perinatal Care and the Joint Commission Technical Advisory Panel that developed the Perinatal Care Core Performance Measure Set. She chairs the National March of Dimes (MOD) Advisory Council and a member of the steering committee for the MOD's Toward Improving the Outcomes of Pregnancy III project.

Sharon Sutherland, MD

Quality Improvement Officer, Women's Health Institute, Cleveland Clinic Health System

Sharon Sutherland, MD, first chaired a quality committee while in community-based private practice. With Cleveland Clinic for eight years, she now serves as Quality Improvement Officer for Ob/Gyn and Women's Health Institute. She leads quality for providers of general and subspecialty ob/gyn and breast care at eleven hospitals and over forty outpatient sites. Dr. Sutherland supports WHI in developing best-care approaches and tracking metrics that support evidence-based patient care. To deal with the challenges of engagement and integration across care sites, she is completing the MPH in Healthcare Management at Columbia University.

Robert K. Watson, MD, MMM, CPE

Medical Director, Andrews Women's Hospital, Baylor Health Care System

Robert K. Watson, MD, MMM, CPE, completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX, in 1983. He is certified by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Watson became a Certified Physician Executive in 2007, and completed his Master of Medical Management at Tulane University in 2010. With over 25 years of clinical experience, he is currently the Medical Director for the Andrews Women's Hospital at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, TX. He is also a practicing OB/GYN physician with Texas Health Care and is a Physician Co-Champion for Women's Services for the Baylor Health Care System.

Janet Young, MD

Medical Director, Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, and Ultrasound Education Director, Carilion Clinic Department of Emergency Medicine, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

Janet Young, MD, began her career in Emergency Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001. During her tenure there, she served as the Medical Director for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. She also concurrently served as the Director of Ultrasound Education in the Department of Emergency Medicine until 2011. In June, 2011,

Dr. Young relocated to the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine where she now serves in the Department of Emergency Medicine for Carilion Clinic. Her role in the Department of Emergency Medicine includes Medical Director of the Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) program as well as Ultrasound Education Director.