

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana
Infant and Child Mortality and Child Health Task Force

Monday, September 15, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Indiana State Board of Health, 2 North Meridian

Yoho Board Room

MINUTES

Safe Sleep Campaign Reba James, Deputy Director
Practice Support

Toni Elzy
DCS Nurse Supervisor

Both DCS representatives presented information on the safe sleep program which is funded and coordinated by the Indiana Department of Child Services and Indiana State Board of Health. The program, which educates new parents and provides a safe crib, is available statewide.

Nurse-Family Partnership Keith Reissaus
Indiana State Director
Nurse-Family Partnership

The program was explained by staff and written information was distributed. At the current time it is in Marion County with hopes for expansion.

Baby and Me Tobacco Free Carolyn Runge, ISDH
Maternal & Child Health Division

Ms. Runge gave detailed information about the effects of maternal tobacco use in pregnant woman. She also explained the incentive program to stop smoking for new moms and the success of this initiative.

Consideration and Approval of Recommendations to the Commission Committee members reviewed and discussed the recommendations as listed below. All members voted in favor of these recommendations to the Commission.

Infant Mortality and Child Health Task Force Recommendations

September 15, 2014

1. We recommend that the Commission support, and the State of Indiana create, a Levels of Care certification program for all Indiana birthing hospitals.
2. We recommend that the Commission support, and the State of Indiana adopt, standards for maternal-fetal and neonatal inter-facility transport.
3. We recommend that the Commission support, and the State of Indiana establish, Perinatal Centers of Excellence that build on existing hospital networks and their affiliate hospitals.
4. We recommend that written protocols be established for obstetric and neonatal care.
5. We recommend that a specific definition be adopted for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and that hospital staff receive a prescribed training for NAS identification.
6. We recommend that all worksites and multi-unit housing locations be 100% tobacco free.

Next Commission meeting-Wednesday, Sept. 17

Next Task Force meeting-Scheduled November 17, 2014

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