



Perinatal Services Coordinator's (PSC) Monthly Newsletter

January 2012

CPSP Provider Trainings

In Person

Each year, MCAH and California State University, Sacramento sponsor the Provider Overview and Steps to Take trainings. These trainings are offered twice a year. Two in person trainings are held in the spring and two in the fall. Locations rotate between the northern and southern regions. Register for the 2012 trainings on the CPSP web site at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/CPSP/training11/index.htm>. The schedule is below. As dates are scheduled and hotels booked, we will update the PSCs and post this information on the CPSP web site.

Online

This fall, MCAH and CSUS released an online Provider Overview training covering content from the Provider Overview Manual. This training is available to all providers and is open for registration year-round. The fee is \$50, which includes CME's and a certificate of completion for one provider. Office staff may also take the training at no additional cost. The training can be accessed from the training web link by clicking the tab "Online Training."

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Spring 2012	April 23-25 June 11-13	Riverside, Mission Inn Sacramento, Doubletree Hotel
Fall 2012	September 24-26 November 12-14	Fresno (hotel TBD) San Diego (hotel TBD)
Spring 2013	TBD	Sacramento and Fresno
Fall 2013	TBD	Emeryville and Riverside/Ontario
Spring 2014	TBD	Sacramento and Fresno
Fall 2014	TBD	Emeryville and San Diego*
Spring 2015	TBD	Sacramento and Fresno
Fall 2015	TBD	Emeryville and Riverside

*San Diego trainings will be held in even years in the fall

PSC Executive Committee (EC) Vacancies and Upcoming EC Meetings

Currently, there are two PSC EC representatives (3 in the south) in each region of California. The regions are: Bay Area Perinatal Advocates (BAPA), Central Area Perinatal Advocates (CAPA), Northern Area Perinatal Advocates (NAPA), and Southern Area Perinatal Advocates (SAPA). Please refer to the MCAH Policies and Procedures for more information on the function of the EC, including a state map identifying the counties in each region. The Representatives for each region are:

CAPA: Gina Pinto, San Luis Obispo County, **vacancy**
NAPA: Denise Hobbs, Shasta County, and Sue Seaters, Placer County
SAPA: Asuncion Williams, San Bernardino County, Joanne Roberts, Los Angeles County, **vacancy**
BAPA: Karen Walters, Monterey County, and Lisa Poley, Stanislaus County

Thanks to all of the EC members, and welcome Sue Seaters and Lisa Poley who are new members. If you are in the South or Central areas, please consider volunteering for one of the openings and let Candice and your Nurse Consultant know if you would like to participate.

The EC meets quarterly via conference calls and in-person the day before the Annual Statewide Meeting in November. The Executive Committee conference call schedule for 2012 is:

- **February 2, 2012, 9-12 a.m.**
- **May 3, 2012, 9-12 a.m.**
- **August 2, 2012, 9-12 a.m.**
- **November 7, 2012, in person before the Annual Statewide Meeting from 9-12 a.m.**

Status of the Steps to Take (STT) Manual Updates

As you are probably aware, over the past several months MCAH staff have been working diligently with CSUS, the trainers, outside reviewers and local PSCs to review and update all sections of the STT Manual. After the initial update, a standardized review process has been developed to update the STT Manual on a yearly basis. The current updates will be completed prior to the spring trainings. Many thanks to CSUS, the trainers, outside reviewers, state staff and local PSCs for your efforts in this endeavor.



Resources for PSCs and Providers

MCAH staff are constantly improving and updating the CPSP website to provide a more user friendly resource for PSCs, CPSP providers and the general public. The CPSP website is intended to provide up-to-date information relevant to the program and your providers. The CPSP website has been recently updated and will be undergoing updates on a quarterly basis. The link to the CPSP web site is: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CPSP/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements to the web site, please contact Candice Zimmerman at:

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Feedback from the November 2011 PSC Orientation and Statewide Meeting

On November 2, 2011, state staff and local PSCs conducted a 4 hour PSC orientation. There were 56 attendees. Evaluation comments were positive and PSCs noted they gained skills and/or knowledge in several areas, such as utilizing the Nurse Consultants for advocacy and technical assistance, QA/CQI processes and tools, the provider application process, FFP, the role of the PSC in promoting availability and accessibility to early prenatal care and much more. Additional training needs and suggestions for future trainings were identified and noted by MCAH staff.

Our annual CPSP statewide meeting was conducted on November 3, 2011. There were 66 attendees. Evaluation comments were positive and attendees reported increased knowledge in several areas, such as Audits & Investigations, Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), Interconception Care Toolkit, Oral Health During Pregnancy, the new breastfeeding regulations and Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders. Suggestions for professional development and program training topics for future CPSP statewide meetings were identified and summarized for the PSCs. This Newsletter is one enhancement that the MCAH staff has developed in response to requests for improved communication. Please see the "Workgroup Development/Professional Development Survey" below to read about other actions MCAH staff has planned in response to feedback from the statewide meeting.

Workgroup Development/Professional Development Survey

From your input from the last statewide meeting on November 3, 2011, MCAH has identified the following topics for potential Workgroups in 2012:

1. **CQI/QA**
2. **Provider Recruitment/Retention**
3. **CPSP Provider Application Process**

MCAH will disseminate a survey asking PSCs to volunteer for one of the workgroups listed above and to also identify their top 3 areas of interest for professional development. The survey will be administered through Survey Monkey and PSCs will be informed of the results and next steps as the process evolves.

Medi-Cal Managed Care (MCMC)

We are continuing to work with Medi-Cal Managed Care (MCMC) to assure that all MCMC beneficiaries have access to comprehensive perinatal services. MCMC is updating Policy Letter 96-01 to reinforce the requirement for MCMC plans to deliver comprehensive perinatal services. We will send this out to all of the PSCs when it is finalized. We will also send a list of the county MCMC contacts to the MCAH Directors and the PSCs. It is a requirement for MCMC plans to have MOUs with the public health department, and the PSCs and MCAH Directors will be able to work with these contacts to update the MOUs, if needed. For further information on working with MCMC plans in your county, talk to your MCAH Director, and contact your Nurse Consultant.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities

As part of professional development, MCAH will be introducing you to the MCH Navigator through AMCHP, which is a new learning portal that links individuals to existing training, organized in areas consistent with nationally endorsed public health and MCH leadership competencies. State Title V Directors involved in the design and use of this new professional development resource will share their perspectives and ideas for future applications in public health and related community settings. For additional information, visit: www.navigator.mchtraining.net

2012 Important Dates

- Next EC Conference Call is February 2, 2012 from 9-12 a.m.
- In Person Provider Overview (PO) and Steps to Take Training Registration is available on our web site:
<http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/CPSP/training11/index.htm>
 - Riverside, April 23-25, 2012
 - Sacramento, June 11-13, 2012
- Fresno, September 24-26, 2012 and San Diego, November 12-14, 2012 (Registration available soon)
- CPSP Annual Statewide Meeting: November 7 and 8, 2012