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*“Partners in Perinatal Quality”*

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**Tennessee Legislature Votes to Continue Funding for  
the Governor’s Office of Children’s Care  
Coordination**

In a difficult budget year, the Tennessee Legislature voted to continue funding to the Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination (GOCCC.) The GOCCC funds many innovative projects to improve perinatal health outcomes in Tennessee, including TIPOC.

Without question, our membership’s advocacy and TIPOC’s commitment to data-driven improvement positively impacted the debate about funding for perinatal healthcare during this year’s difficult budget deliberations. To the many who shared their expertise and perspective with their Senators and Representatives—thank you! We would encourage each of you to review your legislators’ vote on the budget, and take the time to thank them for the difficult work they do for Tennessee. Now, we must continue with the hard work in changing perinatal outcomes for Tennessee!

**TIPOC Summer Regional Learning Sessions**

*“Understanding Systems and Variation: the Keys to Improving Healthcare”*

The TIPOC Team traveled the state during the first two weeks in June. Lively and interactive discussions about the role of variation in healthcare took place in each region, and new tools to examine project data to guide improvement were introduced. If you weren’t able to attend, ask a colleague what they learned about “Red Beads.” In addition, obstetricians, midwives and labor and delivery staff in the West and North-East regions held separate meetings to discuss how to introduce the 39 Week project in their area.

# Project Updates

## NICU—CLABSI Reduction

Thirteen NICU teams are participating in the Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection Reduction project. During the recent Summer Regional Learning Sessions, each team had the opportunity to share their experience, as well as see the *first state report* from this collaborative project. The next webinar, Huddle #5 will be on July 29, 2-3:30 PM CST.

## OB—Reducing Elective Deliveries before 39 Weeks

During the June Regional Learning Sessions, Obstetricians in the West and North-East regions met to discuss joining the Davidson County Pilot. The Davidson Co. Pilot group will be meeting on July 13 at 6:30 PM to finalize plans for statewide spread. For more information on the 39 Weeks Project, and how your hospital or practice can join, email [brenda.barker@TIPQC.org](mailto:brenda.barker@TIPQC.org).

## NICU—Human Milk Feeding Project

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, pilot teams finalized the tool kit package! Pilot data collection will begin after IRB approvals. An information webinar on how you can join this project will be held on Tuesday, August 31 at 10 AM CST, with the state-wide “kick off” meeting in Nashville on September 20. Hope you can join us.

## OB—Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign

Julie Ware M.D. and Karen Schetzina M.D. have developed a robust toolkit and the group is presently working on final adjustments for a data structure for this Pilot. Pilot data collection is just around the corner!

# Project(s) In Sustainment

## NICU--Admission Temperature Project

This project is in sustainment for many of the teams, although some teams continue to actively implement and test improvements in initial thermal management in their systems. Be sure and use the TIPQC Temperature Forum to continue sharing and collaborating. *Data collection for the month of June is in progress for all teams* with state results to be reported at the July 28<sup>th</sup> webinar.

## Project(s) Being Developed for 2011

### NICU—“How’s Your Baby?”

Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women in Memphis, Jackson Madison County General Hospital, East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, and Johnson City Medical Center are beginning to test Dr. Bill Edward’s “How’s Your Baby?” internet tool. The next webinar will be on Wednesday, August 4 at 1 PM CST.

### NICU--Golden Hour

This project is under preliminary discussions for development by The Med, Jackson Madison County General Hospital, and Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

For more information on all projects: <http://www.tipqc.org/projects>.

**Please note that we have added a calendar feature to our website, where these dates and others can be found at <http://www.tipqc.org/calendar>.**

**Watch the web for updates throughout the month.**

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