What's New with the ALPQC

- Birth Certificate Accuracy Initiative

- 2nd Annual Meeting: April 4, 2019

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2nd Annual Meeting Information

Please join us in Montgomery on Thursday, April 4 at 12:30 PM at the RSA Activity Center. Lunch will be provided.

Updates on projects will be provided and working sessions around next steps and projects.

Details and agenda will be provided. Please RSVP to Julie

McDougal@uab.edu if you are able to attend.

The Birth Certificate Accuracy Initiative

The inaugural project of the ALPQC is off to a great start! The purpose of this project is to improve the accuracy of birth certificate data collected in our state for surveillance and future quality improvement work. Our aim is to ensure that, by project end, key variables on the birth certificate are reported accurately in 95% of birth records. The project was launched in November 2018.

Attending the launch webinar were 43 of 46 birthing hospitals. Currently 33 hospitals are participating, including the 5 largest birthing hospitals; therefore, a majority of births are being captured. The baseline data from August, September, & October have been partially received and reviewed. The review of January 2019 data is underway and monthly data review will continue for 1 year.

Thus far, we have identified two variables that have a degree of accuracy near 100% (maternal transfusion & mode of delivery). Identification of variables with low (80-90%) degree of accuracy (antenatal corticosteroids, birth weight & previous preterm delivery) has already changed processes related to the birth certificate process. The focus on these 11 variables will create quality improvement initiatives that will result in improving many more variables, if not all. Stay tuned!