

Performance Measure 17: Percent of very low birth weight infants delivered at facilities for high-risk deliveries and neonates.

Plan for the Coming Year

A. Continue the analysis and identify trends of data pertaining to birth outcomes by hospital level and/or regional perinatal designation to inform the design and delivery of services to improve access to risk-appropriate facilities.

This infrastructure-level strategy will be accomplished by: 1) updating regional perinatal profiles that include information about the percent of VLBW babies born in each level designation; 2) disseminating regional profile reports to Birth Outcomes workgroup members and regional perinatal center teams; 3) planning a project that would: a) identify 2 regions with the highest percentage of VLBW babies born in level I facilities: and, b) perform descriptive analyses to identify the characteristics of VLBW infants who are born in level I facilities in these regions in order to identify why VLBW infants are born in the Level I facilities.

B. Fund, monitor and evaluate the Regional Perinatal Center program.

This infrastructure-level strategy will be accomplished by: 1) implementing an interagency agreement with ODJFS for work with the Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, and 2) working with RPCs and local urban health departments to plan and implement RPC Urban Project.

C. Facilitate process to complete results-based accountability model developed by Mark Friedman to produce performance measures and future interventions.

See State Performance Measure 2 (B).