



**Center for Healthy Births**

*Building Blocks for Better Babies*

**SPA 1  
Meeting  
June 1, 2005  
Antelope Valley Hospital  
Meeting Notes**

Welcome and Introductions

Discussion

- **Collaborative Name Change**

The Antelope Valley Best Babies Collaborative (AVBBC), which has been operating as a Healthy Births Learning Collaborative (HBLC), needs to change their name so they will not be confused with Antelope Valley's BBC that has been awarded planning funds from First 5 LA's Healthy Births Initiative. A name could not be decided on at this meeting and the discussion will continue at the July meeting. However a temporary name has been selected until the group selects a permanent name. The former AVBBC will now temporarily be know as: Antelope Valley Healthy Births Learning Collaborative (AV HBLC).

- **LABBC Center for Healthy Births Update**

- CHB staff will be updating all contact information. All members need to check the sign-in sheet to verify if the information is correct.
- Within the next couple of weeks the HBLC SPA pages will be available on the LABBC Center for Healthy Births (CHB) website ([www.labestbabies.org](http://www.labestbabies.org)). Each spa page will have current information available for members to review and download.
- On October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the LABBC-CHB, Department of Maternal Adolescent Health and the March of Dimes will be hosting a Perinatal Summit. This conference will be a forum where the HBLC's and BBC's, as well as other perinatal stakeholders, can come and exchange information with one another. The HBLC's and BBC's will be asked to make presentations on their progress, accomplishments and lessons learned at the Summit.

- **First 5 LA HBI Grant Update**

Antelope Valley Hospital is no longer the lead for the Antelope Valley Best Babies Collaborative (AV BBC) planning grant. The new lead is Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH). The positions of Project Director and Associate Director will continue to be Lea Butterfield of Healthy Homes and McKinley Kemp of AV Black Infant Health. The new Administrative Lead is Grace Lubama of Antelope Valley Partners for Health.



Follow-Up from the LAC/DHS Session on SPA 1 Infant Mortality held at the 5/4/05 meeting:

- **Review intervention strategies to reduce high Infant Mortality in SPA 1**

\*All strategies below are in draft form and may be subject to change at the AV HBLC’s discretion.

<b>*Short Term (accomplished in &lt;1 year)</b>	<b>*Long Term</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase access to high-risk Ob care and related ancillary services, such as labs; access is particularly difficult for Medi-Cal recipients.</li> <li>2. Arrange faith-based youth services to provide health services.</li> <li>3. Promote “100 Acts Kindness” for pregnant women.</li> <li>4. Increase access to transportation for our pregnant moms and advocate politically for transportation improvements.</li> <li>5. Arrange male support groups that will address the “Role of Men” in this issue.</li> <li>6. Present this data to local Ob and pediatric providers and staff to increase awareness.</li> <li>7. Provide comprehensive assessment for newborn, especially for high risk ones.</li> <li>8. Provide immediate information and planned follow-up for high-risk infants/moms.</li> <li>9. Provide newborn infant care classes to new moms before they are discharged from the hospital.</li> <li>10. 24-hour lactation team.</li> <li>11. Provide better education for breastfeeding and infant care during prenatal care.</li> <li>12. Bring providers and volunteers together to identify best practices.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collaborate to strengthen support networks and programs for new moms.</li> <li>2. Establish well-baby clubs in faith-based organizations.</li> <li>3. Provide mobile vans to offer clinical and psychosocial support services for women, especially in remote areas of Antelope Valley where lack of transportation poses a significant barrier to care. If pregnancy testing is available, this may result in women entering prenatal care earlier.</li> <li>4. Increase breastfeeding rate through breastfeeding advocacy and promotion.</li> </ol>



- **Possible Activities for AV HBLC**

- Resource Directory: AVPH may be receiving funding from Kaiser next month to begin asset mapping for the entire Antelope Valley.
- Narrow Casting Campaign “Baby your Baby” or “Mothering the Mother”
- Promoting the Mental Health of the mom
- 100 Acts of Kindness
- Promoting the First 5 LA videos by playing them in our waiting rooms and offering the kits to parents.

- **Possible New Names**

1. Healthy Communities Learning Collaborative
2. Health Families Learning Collaborative
3. AV Healthy Births Learning Collaborative
4. AV healthy Births-Healthy Children A Learning Collaborative
5. Happy Mommies: Healthy Babies Learning Collaborative

**Next Steps:**

Decide on a new name for the collaborative

Mission Statement

Vision Statement

Next Meeting will be on July 6, 2005 at AV Hospital Imaging Center, Conference Room 15, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.