



OKLAHOMA
State Department of Health

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to introduce a three-year collaboration between the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative ([OPQIC](#)) and [Ariadne Labs](#) supported by the State Maternal Health Innovation Program Grant, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative will engage providers in a statewide effort to ensure every person giving birth has the role they want in their own care and explore opportunities to reduce inequities in childbirth. We will achieve these aims by implementing [TeamBirth](#), a care delivery innovation that uses structured communication and shared decision-making to enhance teamwork among people giving birth and those caring for them, across all birthing hospitals in Oklahoma. This innovation builds on the Ariadne Labs' experience scaling the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist to hundreds of millions of surgeries across the world. TeamBirth has been tested in a registered clinical trial and has been implemented by hundreds of clinicians serving tens of thousands of families at community hospitals on both coasts and in the heartland of the United States, including Saint Francis Hospital, Hillcrest Medical Center, and OSU Medical Center in Tulsa.

The benefits of implementing TeamBirth at your hospital include:

- **Patient satisfaction**: 79% of patients who received care with TeamBirth in the pilot trial believed their preferences made a difference in the care they received, 87% had the role they wanted in decisions about their labor, and 94% reported that their clinical team talked with them in a way they could understand
- **Clinician satisfaction**: 93% of nurses, midwives and obstetricians who participated in the pilot trial believe TeamBirth improves care and 90% would recommend TeamBirth for other units
- **National leadership**: Oklahoma is the first state implementing TeamBirth in all birthing hospitals state-wide - your hospital has the opportunity to be a leader in implementation across the state and the country

This letter intends to serve as the commitment of your hospital's participation in the implementation of the project, "**TeamBirth**". This is a collaboration between OPQIC and Ariadne Labs. Barbara O'Brien, MS, RN will serve as the Implementation lead and Principal Investigator from OPQIC and Dr. Amber Weiseth, DNP, MSN, RNC-OB will serve as the Principal Investigator from Ariadne. This letter assists in planning purposes for the collaborative and ensures that hospital teams at all levels are aware of and support this work. This letter is not legally binding and hospitals may cease participation at-will. OPQIC understands that the implementation of TeamBirth will look different at each hospital - we commit to work with hospitals to facilitate implementation that works best for each site.

By signing on the following page, you and your hospital are committing to support this project, and maintain contact with the Principal Investigators Barbara O'Brien at OPQIC and Dr. Amber Weiseth at Ariadne Labs with issues or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amber Weiseth, DNP, MSN, RNC-OB

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Barbara O'Brien, MS, RN

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By signing below, we are committing to support the TeamBirth project, and maintain contact with the Principal Investigators with issues or concerns. Please return signed to barbara-obrien@ouhsc.edu

Hospital Name: _____

Executive Leader Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

Phone

email Address

Provider Implementation Leader Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

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Nurse Implementation Leader Signature

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