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**CHA Announces Partnership with Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative**

WALLINGFORD — The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) and the Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative (CPQC) have entered into a partnership to improve the health and quality of care for mothers and infants. The partnership means CPQC will transform from an independent collaborative to a CHA collaborative.

“Over the last three years, CHA has worked with the CPQC to improve the health and quality of care for mothers and infants,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “We are pleased to enter into this relationship with CPQC; it will enable us to expand our statewide focus on this important work, and will bring new opportunities for joint education, research, and clinical collaboration.”

The CPQC includes volunteer physicians, nurses, lactation consultants, additional maternal/infant healthcare providers, and state agency/community stakeholders. It promotes high quality maternal and newborn care across the continuum by facilitating cooperation among hospitals and healthcare providers, supporting evidence-based newborn care practices, sharing educational and training resources, and gathering critical data.

The CPQC has worked on issues including perinatal health and opioid addiction. It plays an active role in the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and Improving kNowledge to Decrease Early Elective Deliveries (INDEED) initiatives.

Marilyn R. Sanders, MD, Attending Neonatologist at the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center and Professor of Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and Christopher Morosky, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UConn John Dempsey Hospital and University of Connecticut School of Medicine, serve as Chairpersons of the CPQC.

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**About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, population health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.