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FROM DATA TO ACTION: A REVIEW OF ALL 2018 INFANT DEATHS IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The first complete analysis of all local infant deaths from a year will be presented on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at “From Data to Action: A review of all 2018 infant deaths in Northeast Florida.” The presentation will be at 2 p.m. at Sulzbacher Village, 5455 Springfield Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32208.

Event agenda:

- Welcome, Melanie Patz, vice president, community investment and impact, *Baptist Health*
- Impetus and Purpose of the Review, Faye Johnson, CEO, *Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition*
- Approach: Perinatal Periods of Risk Analysis, Carol Brady
- Review of Findings, Mark L. Hudak, M.D., chair, department of pediatrics; chief, division of neonatology, *University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville*; associate medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wolfson Children's Hospital; associate dean for managed care, *UF Health Jacksonville*
- Case Studies from the Findings, Tracy Claveau, FIMR Coordinator/Consultant, *Claveau Consulting*
- Moving from Data to Action, Faye Johnson, CEO, *Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition*
- Closing Remarks, Darnell Smith, North Florida market president, *Florida Blue*

Since 1995, the Coalition has implemented a Fetal & Infant Mortality Review project to reduce infant mortality by gathering and reviewing detailed information to gain a better understanding of fetal and infant deaths. The project examines cases with the worst outcomes to identify gaps in maternal and infant services and to promote future improvements. Last October, Baptist Health/Wolfson Children’s Hospital, UF Health Jacksonville and Florida Blue announced funding for a full review of why babies are dying before their first birthday in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

All 147 infant deaths from 2018 were reviewed. The detailed analysis included abstraction of medical and vital statistics records for all infant deaths; analysis of fetal and infant deaths (overall and by race) using the Perinatal Periods of Risk to create a population-based framework and identify disparities in birth outcomes; and integration of information abstracted from patient records into PPOR analysis to determine the impact of specific medical and social risks, gaps and opportunities for intervention. The review utilized Doctor of Nursing Practice students from Jacksonville University to assist with data abstraction and maternal interviews.

About the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition

The Healthy Start Coalition leads the community effort to reduce infant death and improve the health of children, childbearing women, fathers and their families in Northeast Florida. For more information, [view our media kit](#) visit us at <http://nefhealthystart.org> or on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @nefhealthystart.

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