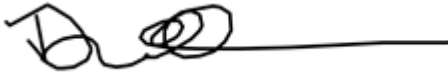




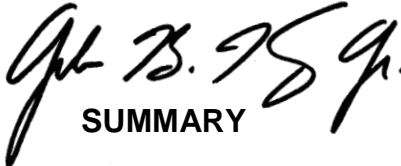
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**TO:** The Professional Practice Committee

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech 

**SUBJECT:** Update on Community Based Professional Nursing Services

**DATE:** November 10, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**   
SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Discussion**

This item provides general information regarding the provision of professional services, particularly nursing services, within high risk communities. The information will be provided through a discussion with representatives from the Nurse-Family Partnership and Department staff.

#### **Reason for Consideration**

For information and discussion.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This item is submitted for information and discussion at the November 2014 meeting of the Professional Practice Committee.

#### **Background Information**

Children, in our most vulnerable populations, face innumerable obstacles, which often begin in their pre-natal development and generally continue throughout their childhoods. Left uncorrected, the circumstances that these children face frequently result in a cycle of poverty and loss of opportunity for achievement. However, evidence-based studies have shown that, when nurses become involved with the families of these children, their chances for progress and success increase significantly.

There are a number of community-based programs that are making great strides in providing professional nursing assistance to such children and their families. One of these programs, the Nurse-Family Partnership, will provide information to the

Professional Practice Committee at its November 2014 meeting, highlighting how its program continues to provide meaningful services to these children and their families.

The Nurse-Family Partnership is a Denver-based program that now supports professional nursing services in both New York City and upstate New York. Its program provides outreach and services to prospective mothers, as well as to families with developing children. The range of services provided is broad and focuses on making the families and children self-sufficient. Presenting for the Nurse-Family Partnership will be Renee Nogales, the Northeast Regional Program Developer. Ms. Nogales is responsible for program development and programmatic oversight for the greater northeastern area, including all of New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She will present information about the Nurse-Family Partnership program and explain the experience that they have seen so far in New York as well as nationally and internationally. She will also provide an overview of the populations that have benefited from the program and of the successes and challenges of the program. She will respond to any questions that the Professional Practice Committee may have.