

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Our Lady of Angels on its work with Project Maternal Overdose Mortality (Project M.O.M.).

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Angels Hospital has served as an inaugural catalyst site for the Project M.O.M. program, dedicating itself to the support and further care of pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, accidental opioid overdose has been the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death in Louisiana since 2018; and

WHEREAS, every preventable death is a tragedy, but the death of a pregnant woman or young mom doubles the tragedy, as the loss of the mother endangers her child; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Project M.O.M. is to reduce pregnancy-associated opioid overdose deaths by 80% within three years by:

(1) Scaling best practices and pilot programs across Louisiana that increase substance use screening across prenatal providers and facilities.

(2) Increasing availability and access to substance use disorder treatments including medications for opioid use disorder.

(3) Improving care coordination for pregnant and postpartum women, including linking emergency department overdoses to rapid outpatient treatment.

(4) Increasing accessibility of lifesaving medications including naloxone to prevent overdose mortality.

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Angels of Bogalusa developed a specialized Family Medicine-OB Partnership to expand access to medications for opioid use disorder for pregnant women with substance use disorder and to provide integrated primary care throughout their journey; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Angels has also implemented targeted treatment plans for infants exposed to substances that improved withdrawal care, shortened hospital stays, and supported mother-infant bonding; and

WHEREAS, this region experienced a 35% decrease in overdose mortality after the implementation of the program; and

WHEREAS, through the Project M.O.M. efforts of hospitals statewide, including Our Lady of Angels, overdose mortality is projected to fall by 80% over the next few years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Our Lady of Angels on their work with Project M.O.M. and for becoming a model for the state's Project M.O.M. efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Our Lady of Angels.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE