

Perinatal Issues and Needs in the Capital Region Community Cradle

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Cradle (hereafter referred to as “CC”) is a Comprehensive Prenatal-Perinatal Services Network funded by the Bureau of Women’s Health, New York State Department of Health. CC works with agencies and consumers to improve pregnancy outcomes and the overall health of women, infants, and families. The mission of CC is:

To provide innovative and dynamic health programs and services crucial to lives of pregnant women and families in the Capital Region

CC accomplishes this by first assessing the status of maternal and child health and then offering education, programming, and services to help improve maternal and child health. CC works to improve access to health care and insurance, and to increase knowledge about relevant issues for women and their families through many programs and resources offered both to consumers and providers. These include various outreach efforts for State sponsored health insurance programs, education to consumers about perinatal health issues, Healthy Baby Showers, provider education and training, data updates, directories such as the Family Resource Directory, a web page, a newsletter, a resource center/library, and an online calendar of important community events. CC’s goal is to help families, which begins with good preconceptional and interconceptional health and education, and ends with healthy mothers, babies, and children. CC will use this report to foster collaborative efforts with the health and human service community to look at needs and develop a plan to address needs identified in this document.