**OB Quality and Safety Officer**

**Position Summary**

The Department Quality and Safety Officer will be responsible for leadership of patient safety and quality improvement programs within their respective department. In collaboration with the UNMHS Chief Quality Officer, UNMH Associate Chief Quality Officer, the department Chair, and other Health System leadership, the Department Quality and Safety Officer will lead departmental Value-based and patient-centered healthcare initiatives in alignment with Health System Quality and Safety goals of the UNM Health System Strategic and Universal Operations Plans.

**Key Responsibilities**

Work closely with the Hospital quality department and Health System leadership to develop and prioritize departmental Goals, metrics, targets that address departmental needs and align with Health System Quality & Safety Goals.

Monitor the effectiveness of departmental programs in accomplishing these targets and goals by collecting data to assess patient safety and quality performance.

Create an effective system for intradepartmental communication of Quality and Safety strategies, goals and targets.

Communicate regularly with department members, medical staff, and Health System leadership regarding department quality, safety, and patient experience performance.

Participate in appropriate Health System and hospital-based committees.

Participate in root cause analyses or failure mode effect analysis and analyze trends to identify opportunities for improvement.

Oversee the effective use of clinical databases within the department.

Work with the hospital quality department to improve voluntary reporting of errors, adverse events and near misses through the Patient Safety Intelligence reporting system

Attend the monthly quality and safety officer meeting.

Work to improve the knowledge of and capacity for process improvement in faculty within their respective departments.

Understand, support, and facilitate department-specific role in regulatory requirements for accreditation for quality and safety programs within the Health System.

Understand and support requirements for state and federal protection of patient safety work product through appropriate management and maintenance of data and documentation of quality and patient safety improvement efforts.

Work with the Graduate and Undergraduate Medical Education offices to coordinate departmental educational activities in Quality and Safety for faculty and trainees that promote development of high reliability processes and a culture of safety, and support CLER requirements for training programs.

**OB QSO Specific tasks**

Coordinate with Women’s area GMDs and UDs on the development and implementation of quality standards of practice and operations processes.

Review and/or delegate PSI’s that are a harm level of > 5 in obstetrics and participate in the PSI review committee meetings.

Attend and/or delegate OB RCAs and review and/or delegate severe maternal morbidity (= 4 units transfused and/or ICU admission) reviews and verify that action items are achieved.

Review and/or delegate perinatal core measures, C-section SSIs, and perinatal statistics in Ob-Gyn clinical care and prepare reports to the Quality Outcomes and Quality Implementation Committees as needed.

Oversee implementation of maternal safety bundles and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements (TJC Standards PC 06.01.01 and PC 06.01.03). In collaboration with regulatory and quality outcomes team, prepare reports and dashboards to track compliance with these standards.

Collaborate with OB QSO on department and hospital initiatives.