



COQUI: 'kōkē/ (noun) 1. a small singing tree frog, native to Puerto Rico, renowned for its powerful voice.

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The PRHLT is composed of four professionals with proven track records of reducing health disparities through efforts that combine community organizing/planning, quality improvement, use of surveillance data, and use of evidenced based practices (EBP). These team members were convened by the Puerto Rico Health Department to develop a targeted approach to improve maternal child outcomes in the marginalized communities. This work builds upon existing efforts to address premature births and early childhood outcomes that have been carried out on the Island through the PRDoH Maternal Child Health Programs, March of Dimes, the World Forum for Early Childhood Care and Education, and the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Public Health, each of which is represented in the PRHLT. Through this work, PRHLT members have already seen a steady 7% decrease in premature births over the past five years, trained scores of professionals on EBPs in Maternal Child Health and Early Childhood Development, and attained additional funding for these issues.

