**Stage 2: Planning to Apply**

Planning Suggestions:

* Planning team composition:
	+ OB nursing leadership
		- Antepartum
		- Labor and Delivery
		- Postpartum/MBU
	+ Accreditation/QI representation
	+ OB provider champion
* Create meeting schedule
* Obtain TJC Maternal Levels of Care standards – contact Brian Johnson at bjohnson@jointcommission.org or 630-792-5144. He can send you the standards even if you have not applied for verification.
* Conduct gap analysis
	+ TJC Maternal Levels of Care Comparison Grid
* Identify level of care - Assess your hospital’s LOMC capabilities, discuss with leadership, and only apply for the level of maternal care confirmed by leadership.
* Schedule call with mentor hospital team and/or Joint Commission contact

Items to assist with planning include:

* TJC Maternal Levels of Care Comparison Grid
* LOMC Sample Gap Analysis Sample GANTT Chart
* LOMC Quick Start Checklist
* LOMC Suggestions from Colleagues