

HOPE Advisory Council

January 29, 2026

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Bienville Building: Room 118
628 N. 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Lead</u>
9:00 AM to 9:10 AM (10 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call to Order2. Roll Call3. Introduction/Welcome New Members4. Review and Approval of January 29, 2026 Agenda5. Approval of October 2025 Minutes	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz / Dr. Melinda Williams
9:10 AM to 10:25 AM (75 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Presentations:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. CDC Foundation: Overdose Response Strategy (9:10-9:35)b. Louisiana Opioid Abatement Administration Corporation (9:35-10:00)c. Federal Civil Right Laws and Opioid Use Disorder (10:00-10:25)	Dana Wilkosz Curtis Nelson, Jr. David Sinkman
10:25 AM to 10:45 AM (20 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. General Updates<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Office of Behavioral Healthb. Community Impact Groupc. Healthcare Impact Groupd. Public Safety Impact Groupe. Other Updates	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz Dr. Jose Calderone-Abbo Shelley Edgerton
10:45 AM to 10:50 AM (5 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. HOPE 2025 Year End Report Update	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz
10:50 AM to 10:55 AM (5 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Public Comments	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz / HOPE Council Attendees
10:55 AM to 11:00 AM (5 min)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Discussion and Next Steps<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <i>Impact Workgroups:</i> HOPE@LA.GOVb. <i>Future presentations?</i>c. <i>Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16th 9:00 - 11:00 am</i>	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz
11:00 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Adjourn <i>Future HOPE Council Meetings for 2026</i> <i>Thursday, April 16th</i> <i>Thursday, July 9th</i> <i>Thursday, October 8th</i>	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz

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