



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

INAUGURAL LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY MEETING
February 23, 2022
2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. **Roll Call**- Regina Hall, Adreanna Alleyne, Dawn V Collins, Jasmin Williams, Shanika Valcour-LeDuff, Zana Washington, Taylor Cincore, Victoria Williams and Keshia Holmes

Non-Voting Members: Frankie Robertson, Jennifer Latimer, Jaime Wessler, Cindy Caroon (filled in for Theresa Graham), Dr. Floyd Roberts, and Dr. Rodney Wise.

III. DISCUSSION:

a. Appointing Members of Non- Voting Position

- Filled Positions
 1. Representative from Institute of Women & Ethnic Studies
 2. Representative from National Birth Equity Collaborative
 3. Certified Professional Midwife
 4. Community Nurse Practitioner
 5. Representative from Louisiana Medicaid
 6. Representative from Louisiana Hospital Association
 7. Representative from Louisiana private health insurer
 8. Representative from March of Dimes
- Vacant Positions
 1. Representative from New Orleans Breastfeeding Center
 2. Obstetrician
 3. Certified Nurse Midwife

*When sending recommendations to Dawn and Keshia please implement email address, telephone numbers and First and Last name.

b. Louisiana Doula Application

- What are the requirements to become a Doula in Louisiana
 - Certificate of Completion Doula Training-

1. The Doula has completed the course work and has an understanding a, knowledge and skills to service clients.
- Certifications are optional –
 1. Certain of birth you have to attended from beginning to end
 2. To obtain certification they maybe additional cost
 - What services are rendered by Doulas
 - As stated on the call by Victoria Williams (birthmark/NOBC), doula services include personal support to birthing families throughout the preconception, pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum experience. This includes emotional and physical support, and many doulas have advanced training or specializations to support their clients. Specific services offered may include, but are not limited to:
 1. Fertility education/support
 2. Childbirth education & continuous labor support
 3. Lactation education/support
 4. Parenting education/support
 5. Sleep training
 6. Herbal/nutrition services
 7. Placentophagy (encapsulation, etc.) and other placenta-related services
 8. Child seat safety education
 9. Belly binding, baby wearing, and related garment education/support
 10. Generate pregnancy & childbirth-related arts (photography, painting, other fine arts)
 11. Facilitate parenting, lactation, and/or other pregnancy/birth/parenting related groups (note, not group therapy)
 12. Screening- medical risk (ex-blood pressure) - note, not medical services
 13. Screening- mental health risk (ex-screening Postpartum Mental Health) - note, not therapeutic services
 14. Support with pregnancy grief and loss (note-death doulas also exist, but are outside of this scope of work)
 15. Support pregnancy termination
 16. General supportive services preconception, prenatal, perinatal, postpartum period

*support may denote a wide spectrum, including but not limited to processing, companionship/accompaniment, navigation, linkage to resources, advocacy, etc.

** to the point Frankie Robertson raised on the call, these services are offered by most doulas as a package with either a flat fee or a sliding scale. Services rendered are guided

in partnership with client at client's request, not standardized by the doula. The FFS model does not apply in this field.

Doulas do not:

- Provide medical care or medical services across the preconception, prenatal, perinatal or postpartum period
- Provide mental health counseling, therapeutic, or other mental/behavioral health services
- Function in the capacity of an IBCLC or other provider trained extensively in lactation interventions
- Conduct fertility treatments (though they may provide herbal/nutritive services)
- Identify, nor double as pharmaceutical personnel
 - What will be the requirements for Doulas to be listed on the LA Doula Registry
 - Platforms/ Websites to utilize to access Doula registered within the State of Louisiana.

III. Upcoming Meetings

- Occurs the fourth Wednesday of every month
 - Wednesday, March 23, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, May 25, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, July 27, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, August 24, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, October 26, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, November 23, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM
 - Wednesday, December 28, 2022 2:00PM-3:00PM

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person may submit a prepared statement in accordance with Senate Rule 13.79, in lieu of appearing before the sub-committee. Statements may be emailed to Keshia.Holmes@la.gov and must be received by Keshia Holmes at least three hours prior to the meeting to be included in the record for this meeting.

Audio/visual presentations, such as PowerPoint, must be received by Keshia Holmes at Keshia.Holmes@la.gov at least twenty-four hours **PRIOR** to the scheduled start of the Doula Registry meeting for review and prior approval. This meeting is virtual as a precaution to decrease the spread of COVID-19.