



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

INAUGURAL LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY MEETING
January 19, 2022
12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

- Members: Regina Hall, Nicole Chaisson, Dawn Collins, Jasmin Williams, Gia Hamilton, Victoria Williams, Meshawn Tarve, Shanika Valcour-LeDuff, and Nicole Diggins
- Non-Members: Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell, Keshia Holmes, Frankie Robertson, Jeff Drozda, David Lavergne, Amanda Perry, Ayesha Umingar, Rachelle Boudreaux, Kimberly Williams and Jim Buras

III. DISCUSSION:

a. Charge of the Board

- The legislature hereby creates within the Louisiana Department of Health the Louisiana Doula Registry Board... for the purpose of reviewing and approving doula registration to allow for health insurance reimbursement of doula services” -Act No. 182

b. Rules of the Board

- Review applications for doulas to register to receive health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana
- Approve applications to designate registered doula status
- Notify applicants of approval or denial of doula registration status
- Maintain a statewide registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana

c. Roles of the Board

- Be familiar with the purpose, charge, and work of the Louisiana Doula Registry Board

- Make relevant and focused comments during discussions that will facilitate the work of the Board
 - Respect confidentiality policies that pertain to sensitive discussions or topics
 - Volunteer for their fair share of “homework” assignments between meetings and to meet deadlines
 - Review and be familiar with the agenda and accompanying materials
 - Consistently attend regular meetings
- d. Selection of Chair
- Responsibilities of the Chair
 - Work with LDH Staff to develop an agenda for each meeting
 - Manage and monitor the meeting so that everyone stays on task
 - Notes will be taken by LDH Staff. Review the notes for accuracy
 - The committee members have selected Dawn Collins as the Chair of the Louisiana Doula Registry Committee
- e. Appointing Members of Subcommittee
- All members have agreed to the Louisiana Doula Registry subcommittee non-voting positions
 - Committee members will draft a letter to send to organizations to select a representative to hold requesting position on the subcommittee
 - The committee members will make decisions to select representatives of the following positions that are deeply rooted in the community throughout the state:
 - Obstetrician, Certified Nurse, Community Nurse Practitioner and Certified Midwife
 - ❖ Recommendations from committee member should be sent to Dawn Collins.
 - Dr. Gillispie-Bell will send a formal letter to Dr. Amanda Dumas on behalf of the Louisiana Doula Registry committee regarding selecting a representative from Louisiana Medicaid to serve as a non-voting member on the Louisiana Doula Registry Subcommittee.
 - Dr. Gillispie-Bell will send a formal letter to Louisiana Hospital Association on behalf of the Louisiana Doula Registry committee regarding selecting a representative to serve as a non-voting member on the Louisiana Doula Registry Subcommittee.
- f. Additional Meeting Availability
- Committee has voted to meet monthly
 - Keshia Holmes will coordinate schedules of committee members for scheduling of monthly meetings

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- No public testimony

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements

VII. 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.