



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

## LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

July 21, 2022 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Location:**

Louisiana State Capitol, 900 N. Third Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Press Room

Masking recommended due to elevated COVID case rates

**Link for public viewing:**

<https://zoom.us/j/92495613240?pwd=ZlFjVU1FTTF5TFp5TDZxMU9TTElnZz09>

Phone: 646-558-8656      Conference Code: 716121

### AGENDA

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

Member	Position	Present or Absent
Amar Nijjar	Neonatologist	Present
Amy Zapata	Public Health Care Administrator	Present
Aundria Cannon	Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health	Present
Courtney Kling Campbell	Pediatrition	Present
Emily Stevens	Social Worker	Absent
Erica Moss	Neonatal Nurse	Virtual
Joey Biggio	Perinatologist	Absent
Leslie Lewis	Nutritionist	Present
Marshall St. Amant	Perinatologist	Absent
Rep. Rhonda Butler	Representative	Absent

Rodney Wise	Private Health Care Administrator	Present
Scott Barrilleaux	Chair - Perinatologist	Present
Sen. Regina Barrow	Senator	Absent
Steve Spedale	Neonatologist	Present

<b>Guests</b>	
Amy Ladley	Kayla Cutno,
Ashley Politz	Kayla Livingston
Ayesha Umrigar	Kerrie Redmond
Becky Majdoch	Keshia Holmes
Brittany McAllister	Lyn Kieltyka
Cara McCarthy	Paulette Carter
Daniella Mistretta	Rachel Hyde
Dionka Pierce	Robin Gruenfield
Dr. James Hussey	Shelly Ryan Gray
Karli Boggs	Veronica Gillispie-Bell

- II. Review/Approval of previous meeting notes
  - a. Minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to a lack of a quorum
  - b. Other meeting minutes pending Commission approval: November 18, 2021, January 20, 2022, and March 17, 2022.
- III. Legislative review; discussion of actions needed by Commission or members
  - a. 2022 Legislative Updates
    - i. The Supreme Court of the United States ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization has triggered RS 40:1061 which is currently in effect. ACT 545 will be effective on August 01, 2022. ACT 545 does not repeal RS 40:1061.
    - ii. HB 206/ACT 143 anyone maintains hospital privilege, and/or is a member of the medical staff at a rural health clinic or an FQHC is automatically credentialed with managed care organizations. HB 206/ACT 143 goes into effect August 01, 2022.
- IV. Systems of Care
  - a. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – The Notice of Intent was posted in the May register and there were no public comments. The Final Rule is expected to be published in the August register.

- b. Maternal Levels of Care – The Notice of Intent was published on July 10, 2022. The last day to request a public hearing is August 09, 2022. The last day to receive public comments is August 29, 2022. If there are no public comments, the rule will be published on September 20, 2022. The rule will be added to the Administrative Code in October or November 2022.
  - c. Louisiana Doula Registry – The Doula Registry Board is currently finalizing components and requirements of the registry and working on the rule. The rule should be completed by the end of the year so Doula Registry applications can be processed beginning in January.
  - d. Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee – Dr. Amanda Dumas is in the process of having introductory meetings with all workgroups (Mental Health, Neonatology, OBGYN, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Emergency Room) to discuss the future of the committees.
- V. Briefing on projects and initiatives authorized by the Commission; discussion of actions needed by Commission or members
- a. Safe Birth Initiative (SBI) – Over 90% of facilities are reporting data, 90% of compliance with hemorrhage measures (risk assessment, admission, and quantification of blood loss) and 75% timely treatment of hypertension. All teams are stratifying at least one measure by race and ethnicity.
  - b. The Gift – 42 birthing facilities have achieved Gift designation and 13 facilities were designated under new criteria.
  - c. Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) – Focusing on structure measures and continue to address stigma bias (name it, create aims and celebrate uncomfortable parts of the work).
  - d. Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative – There are four pediatric practices currently participating. All facilities have started screenings and are working on different components to strengthen those practices.
  - e. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – 2017-2019 PAMR Report is currently under review and expected to be published in late August. There were 83 cases identified for 2020 deaths and 34 cases reviewed to date.
- VI. Perinatal Commission workgroups and committees
- a. Conclusion of 2021/2022 workgroups, presentation of final recommendations
    - i. Mental health workgroup – Dr. James Hussey provided an overview of data and recommendations on how to improve provider and systems recognition and response to perinatal mental health concerns.
    - ii. Telehealth/telemedicine workgroup – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell provided an overview of data and recommendations on how implementation of telehealth can improve maternal outcomes in Louisiana.
    - iii. Postpartum care workgroup – Dr. Karli Boggs provided an overview of data and recommendation on how to optimize implementation of policies related to postpartum care and maternal health.
- VII. Presentation of work and workflows for new workgroups
- a. 2022-2023 Workgroups – Workgroups will be divided into three categories: Guidelines Workgroup, Policy Workgroup and Research Workgroup.

- b. Members of the Perinatal Commission and others who would like to be a part of the 2022-2023 Workgroups, please submit your workgroup preference to Keshia Holmes at [Keshia.Holmes@la.gov](mailto:Keshia.Holmes@la.gov) by August 5, 2022.
- VIII. Membership vacancies:
  - a. Family Practitioner
  - b. Family Planning Representative
  - c. To indicate your interest in a board position email [keshia.holmes@la.gov](mailto:keshia.holmes@la.gov) and fill out the form at: <https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/form/home/14>
- IX. Perinatal Commission Recognition
  - a. Dr. Robert P. Blereau is a Family Medicine Specialist in Morgan City, Louisiana and has over 55 years of medical experience. Dr. Blereau graduated from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1961. Dr. Blereau has served on the Perinatal Commission for over two decades.
- X. Announcements
  - a. On Monday July 25, 2022, the Amandla Group, March of Dimes, Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES), Birth Mark Doula Collective, and National Birth Equity Collaborative are hosting their first Town Hall Meeting. This meeting will help educate the public on ACT 188. Here's how you can register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perinatal-mood-and-anxiety-disorders-and-act-188-townhall-tickets-380519292447>
  - b. All commission members: please submit agenda topic you would like to discuss at the next Perinatal Commission Meeting to Keshia Holmes at [Keshia.Holmes@la.gov](mailto:Keshia.Holmes@la.gov) by August 8, 2022.
- XI. Adjourn – The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

\*Note: the order of the agenda may not be followed exactly, to accommodate presenter schedules

In lieu of verbal public comment, individuals may submit a prepared statement in accordance with Senate Rule 13.79. Statements may be emailed to [Keshia.Holmes@la.gov](mailto:Keshia.Holmes@la.gov) and must be received at least three hours prior to the meeting to be included in the record for the meeting.