



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
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## LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

January 19, 2023 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Location:**

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

**Link for public viewing:**

**Zoom link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229048554?pwd=ODBPckRVM0ZVa1IzdkMweTJLRGhVdz09>

**Phone:** 1-312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 872 2904 8554 **Passcode:** 650731

### AGENDA

- I. Call to order/welcome and introductions – 10min
- II. Review/approval of previous meeting notes
  - a. Minutes from 11/18/2021-11/17/2022 – 10min
- III. Systems of care
  - a. Vote on suggested language for participation in the state perinatal quality collaborative – Dr. Gillispie-Bell – 10min
- IV. Commission authorized projects
  - a. Louisiana Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (LA-PAMR) report presentation – Dr. Gillispie-Bell – 45min
- V. Legislative implementation – Ayesha Umrigar – 20min
  - a. Act 182, 2021/Doula registry
  - b. Act 513, 2022/Emergency contraception pamphlet
  - c. Act 188, 2022/Perinatal depression screening
  - d. SR 87, 2022/Policies to assist adolescents after giving birth in hospitals
  - e. SR 131, 2022/Study Commission on Maternal Health and Wellbeing
    - Sen. Cathey’s proposed legislation for 2023 re: tax credits for business to provide leave medical/prenatal care
  - f. Other legislation of interest
- VI. Workgroups – 10min
  - a. Summary of structure of workgroups
  - b. Discussion of commission member tasks to prepare for the workgroups
- VII. Membership – 5min

- a. Family Practitioner
  - b. Family Planning Representative
- VIII. Announcements – 10min
- IX. Adjourn

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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 [PerinatalCommission@la.gov](mailto:PerinatalCommission@la.gov) and must be received at least three hours prior to the meeting to be included in the record for this meeting.

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Items to review in advance of the January 19, 2023 Perinatal Commission Meeting

- Voting Item 1: Meeting Minutes from 11/18/2021
- Voting Item 2: Meeting Minutes from 1/20/2022
- Voting Item 3: Meeting Minutes from 3/17/2022
- Voting Item 4: Meeting Minutes from 5/19/2022
- Voting Item 5: Meeting Minutes from 7/21/2022
- Voting Item 6: Meeting Minutes from 9/15/2022
- Voting Item 7: Meeting Minutes from 11/17/2022
- Voting Item 8: Operationalizing Participation in the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)



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November 18, 2021, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Virtual Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701298588>

Phone: 602- 333- 0032 Conference code: 695902

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

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Sen. Regina Barrow	Senator	Absent

Robert Blereau	Family Practitioner	Absent
Steve Spedale	Neonatologist	Present
Tina Stefanski	Family Planning Representative	Absent

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Becky Majdoch	Laurel Kitto
Berkley Durbin	Liz Keenan
Cheri Johnson	Marci Brewer
Daniella Mistretta	Mathew Wallace
Debra Fuller	Rachel Purgatorio
Dionka Pierce	Rachelle Boudreaux
Frankie Robertson	Shelly Ryan Gray
Kerrie Redmond	Veronica Gillispie-Bell

- II. Review/approval of previous meeting minutes
  - a. With a quorum present, meeting minutes from July and October 2021 were unanimously approved.
- III. Legislative Updates: Resolutions and Implementation
  - a. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell reported that the rulemaking has been published and Health Standards is taking public comment and working through these.
  - b. Maternal Levels of Care – The Notice of Intent was published in the December register. Working through making sure everyone is on the same page.
  - c. Other
    - i. HB 190 – Doula Registry –The first meeting of the legislatively mandated, newly created Doula Registry Board will be scheduled in January 2022.
    - ii. HCR 105 – Louisiana Maternal Mental Health Task Force, established to assure access to quality care, has been assigned to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES) has been contracted to help support convening and facilitating meetings.
    - iii. HCR 103 – Implementation of this legislation related to assuring maternal mental health access to services has been assigned to LDH. There is an Office of Public Health (OPH)-Bureau of Family Health (BFH) led Task force, which includes the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) that is working through this legislation starting with an inventory of LDH programs that address maternal mental health.

- iv. Act 210 – LDH (BFH) is leading an assessment across LDH for the potential creation of an Office of Women’s Health. Dr. Lyn Kieltyka is assisting with data analysis and synthesis.
  - v. Act 305 – Three conditions have been added to the newborn screening registry and will go through rulemaking for implementation.
  - vi. Act 320 – Creates a Domestic Violence Fatality Review team within LDH. A team is being identified, grant money being sought, and the work is being incorporated into the work of the BFH mortality review processes.
- IV. Title X lifting of restrictions
- a. Gail Gibson provided a brief update on the restoration of the federal policy allowing healthcare providers who receive Title X funds to inform patients about the full range of reproductive healthcare options. Because of state policy, this makes little impact for Louisiana. Further enhancements to the federal policy include requirement that services and language be more inclusive, trauma-informed and ensure equitable and quality service delivery. BFH will submit the Title X grant application early January 2022.
- V. Perinatal Commission authorized projects
- a. Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) – Amy Ladley reported that they are on track to designate another batch of facilities (Birth Ready Designation). More to come in subsequent meetings on the Labor Culture survey that was done. The Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) initiative launched in Sep.2021 and is working from recommendations from the PAMR Report and the Commission’s 2016 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) study resolution.
  - b. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – Everything on track, no report
  - c. Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) – No update
- VI. Workgroup Reports/Updates and Discussion
- a. Mental Health Workgroup – Dr. Hussey reported that they have met a few times. There is a lot of activity related to HCR 103 and 105. OBH is co-publishing a response to resolutions with OPH. Workgroup is considering pausing until responses are submitted to avoid duplicating efforts, and then the workgroup will review and respond to these reports.
  - b. Telehealth/Telemedicine Workgroup – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported that there are many people in the “think tank”. The group has been discussing where and when telehealth is most useful, i.e., counseling vs. where touch and feel may be needed. Group is thinking that a pilot is needed before a statewide policy is recommended. Telehealth is likely not a one size fits all situation, and lowest hanging fruit may be the parts that need counseling/talking.
  - c. Postpartum Care Workgroup – Amy Zapata reported on the progress of the group. They have identified specific areas of concern:
    - i. Inadequate hospital LARC utilization
    - ii. Lower reimbursement rates for gynecological procedures prompting providers to drop patients after six weeks of postpartum coverage
    - iii. Undocumented mothers’ loss of insurance after delivery, losing all access to the medical system after delivery/postpartum

- iv. Lack of postpartum and gynecological care leading to long term health disparities and disease progression and lack of preventative medical services
  - v. Lack of access to postpartum and gynecological services to un/underinsured women in Louisiana
- VII. Other Updates
  - a. March of Dimes – Better Birth Outcomes – no update
  - b. LDH Business Plan – has been published and will be sent to members.
  - c. Amy Zapata let Commission members know that Karis Schoellmann’s role will be changing in the new year and other support staff will be assigned from the BFH.
- VIII. Adjourn – The December meeting will be skipped. The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be January 20, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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**Virtual link:**

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**Phone: 646-558-8656**

**Conference Code: 716121**

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Karli Boggs	Robin Grunfeld
Kayla Cutno,	Shelly Ryan Gray
Kayla Livingston	Veronica Gillispie-Bell

- II. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to a lack of a quorum.
- III. Legislative Updates: Resolutions and implementation
  - a. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – No Updates
  - b. Maternal Levels of Care – No Updates
  - c. Office on Women’s Health – The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) is preparing a report regarding ACT 210 after the department completes an assessment. The areas that were being assessed are women’s health, women with disability, intimate partner violence. A meeting will be scheduled once workgroup members have been selected.
- IV. Perinatal Commission authorized projects
  - a. Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) – Julie Emory (Pediatric Engagement Consultant) will head the Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative. The initiative will last 12-18 months and include 2-3 Pediatric Facilities. The goal is to increase numbers by 85% by supporting facilities with collaborative learning and Quality Improvement. If anyone would like to assist with the Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative, please reach out to Dr. Veronica Gillispie- Bell at [Veronica.Gillispie@la.gov](mailto:Veronica.Gillispie@la.gov). The LaPQC screening through 6 months will capture those families who may experience discharge from NICU the month after birth.

- b. Safe Birth Initiative – Ochsner St. Mary has joined the Safe Birth Initiative, which brings the total to 43 hospitals within the state.
- c. The Gift/ Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) – Data collection will begin in February 2022 for the Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED). ICSED is currently in the process of mapping and planning all trainings for the 2022 calendar year (In-person meetings and Resource Mapping).
- d. The Gift – Marci Brewer has reported that nine additional facilities have been designated under The Gift 3.0, bringing enrollment to 13 facilities. The Gift has met the goal of the Louisiana Department of Health Business Plan.
- e. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR)- No updates
- V. Workgroup reports/updates and discussion
  - a. Mental Health Workgroup – The next meeting is scheduled for February 2022. HCR 105 workgroup is currently generating a work plan.
  - b. Telehealth/Telemedicine Workgroup – The Louisiana Department of Health Business Plan deadline has been moved from January 2022 to June 2022. Medicaid is over the charge, and the workgroup's goal is to add to the collaboration.
  - c. Postpartum Care Workgroup – Need additional Information regarding postpartum long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) use. The workgroup will generate a report of recommendations and submit a report to Perinatal Commission in the near future.
- VI. Other regular updates
  - a. Title X – Family Planning Reproductive Health funds are available for reimbursement for telehealth services provided at the federally qualified health centers (FQHC) that are participating in the Reproductive Health Integration Initiative (RHII).
- VII. Resignation – Dr. Robert Blereau has sent in his resignation to the Perinatal Commission. The Perinatal Commission will be working on a way to give Dr. Blereau special recognition for his service.
- VIII. Adjourn – The February meeting will be skipped. The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be March 17, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

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**March 17, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00PM**

**Location:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85761601595>

Phone: 602- 333- 0032 Conference code: 644895

**AGENDA**

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

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Guests	Organization
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Amanda Perry	Laurel Kitto
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James Hussey	Tammy Bennett
Julie Emory	Veronica Gillispie-Bell
Karis Schoellmann	Yasser Omar Abdellatif
Kerrie Redmond	

- II. Review/approval of previous meeting minutes
- a. Minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to a lack of a quorum.
  - b. Note: The Public Health Emergency, which allowed voting to occur during virtual meetings if a quorum was reached, ended on 3/16/2022.
- III. Legislative updates: Resolutions and implementation
- c. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – After receiving multiple public comments in response to the Notice of Intent posted in August 2021, Health Standards requested Bureau of Family Health (BFH) leadership to meet with stakeholders to resolve public comments. Dr. Gillispie-Bell met with stakeholders and conveyed their concerns to both BFH and members of the Perinatal Commission. Stakeholders were made aware of the changes being made. A new Notice of Intent should be published in the May register.
  - d. Maternal Levels of Care – A Notice of Intent was published in the December registrer. Two public comments were received and changes were made accordingly. Currently, Health Standards is reviewing the proposed rule.

- e. Office on Women’s Health – Amy Zapata, Director of BFH, provided a presentation giving the highlights and key aspects of *The Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality: 2020 Report*. The presentation included an overview of key facts, key takeaways, notable gaps, addressing gaps, women’s health organizational structure options, and framework for considering options. The report will be sent to the Commission.
  - f. Act 210 of the 2021 regular session – Discussion regarding women’s health across the life span and notable gaps in current service provision, including mental health, sexual violence (prevention and response), chronic disease prevention, special healthcare needs. Need to disaggregate data so we can more clearly see the specific issues disproportionately affecting women. Offices involved: Bureau of Chronic Disease and Healthcare Access (Well-Ahead), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Office of Aging and Adult Services, and Bureau of Family Health.
  - g. Louisiana Doula Registry Board – The Doula Board met on February 23, 2022. Dawn Collins was selected as the Chair. The Board is working on identifying individuals for the remaining voting positions and sub-committees. The next step for the Board, with input from stakeholders, is to define the criteria for inclusion in the registry. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM.
  - h. 2022 Legislative Updates – Ayesha Umrigar provided updates on the following bills:
    - i. HB 784 – Universal screening for perinatal mood disorders
    - ii. HB 650 and 651 – Medicaid coverage for prescription breastmilk - only covered inpatient but aims to cover outpatient
    - iii. Berkley Derbin provided updates on:
      - 1. SB 298 – Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to annually review medications, forms of treatment, and services for care of Medicaid enrollees with sickle cell disease.
      - 2. SB 268 – Provides for opioid treatment for pregnant women
      - 3. HB 146 – Provides relative to consent with regard to certain medical procedures
      - 4. HB 800 – Enacts the Louisiana Heartbeat Act
      - 5. SB 60 – Requires a blood test to test for the presence of substances on every patient on labor and delivery and has the potential for criminal prosecution for obstetric complications. March of Dimes and the National Birth Equity Collaborative have voiced opposition and concerns.
    - iv. Frankie Robertson discussed caps insulin copays (HB 677, SB 257 and SB 278)
- IV. State of the State Presentation – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell presented on the state of Maternal Child Health (MCH) in Louisiana. The presentation addressed the current America’s Health Rankings in Louisiana; the Healthy People 2030 goals; the drivers; pathways for improvement; processes that are working.
- V. Perinatal Commission authorized projects
- i. Safe Birth Initiative (SBI) – Amy Ladley reported that the hospitals are reporting on 90% of the measures. The 43rd facility has joined the Louisiana Perinatal

Quality Collaborative (LaPQC). The team is engaging with two facilities and hoping to get them signed on which would mean 45 of the 49 birthing facilities are participating. Birth Ready Designation just completed its second round of awards. There are 11 new recognitions for a total of 27 facilities being either Birth Ready or Birth Ready Plus Designated.

- j. The Gift/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) – Marci Brewer reported there are 42 Gift-Designated facilities. A total of 13 birthing facilities received designation under the new criteria which went into effect in January. This exceeded the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Business Plan goal of 10 designated facilities under the new Gift designation criteria.
- k. Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) – Marci Brewer reported 50% of the teams have been reporting on quality improvement (QI) measures since February. The program is focusing on developing robust training and education for quarterly case-based discussions led by providers who specialize in substance use disorders.
- l. Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative – Julie Emory reported that four practices have been selected for the pilot. The initiative plans to launch in May with a learning session. Measurements will added to Life QI with plans for teams to start reporting in June.
- m. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell discussed they are working on completing the 2017 – 2019 PAMR report with plans to publish in August. The PAMR Committee has started reviewing 2020 cases. The CDC attended the last review and had great feedback about the process and the team

VI. Workgroup reports/Updates and discussion

- n. Mental Health Workgroup – Dr. Hussey reviewed the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES) report that was a deliverable for the Maternal Mental Health Taskforce for HCR 105 and agreed to work between meetings to set up a crosswalk of recommendations from the report.
- o. Telehealth/Telemedicine Workgroup – Dr. Veronica Gillispie- Bell reported the workgroup will be pause meeting as a group and work on creating a report of findings.
- p. Postpartum Care Workgroup – Amy Zapata reported the workgroup is working on integrating reproductive health into community health centers and primary care, building a budget to bring initiatives to scale and barriers to implementation.
- q. Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) – No updates

VII. Other regular updates

- r. LDH Business Plan- Dr. Amanda Dumas spoke to the following deliverables:
  - i. Research and begin implementation on policy options for using technology to improve access to routine and specialty obstetric care through telehealth, remote patient monitoring, and subspecialty consultation. A policy revision has been posted in the obstetrics manual. It doesn't mandate Managed Care Organizations cover, but does allow them to cover the devices
  - ii. Breastfeeding: currently in the process of sending a report to LDH leadership to expand coverage for lactation support in the outpatient setting

- VIII. Membership/Participation Workgroups – Dr. Biggio reported the committee is having issues with having a quorum during in-person meetings and virtual meetings have helped with obtaining a quorum.
- s. Membership vacancies
    - i. Family Practitioner
    - ii. Family Planning Representative
- IX. Adjourn – The next Perinatal Commission working call will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be May 19, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

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  - a. Minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to lack of a quorum.
  - b. Other meeting minutes pending Commission approval: November 18, 2021 and January 20, 2022.
- III. Postpartum care Medicaid extension
  - a. Dr. Amanda Dumas reported that, as of April 01, 2022, Louisiana was the first state to partner with the Biden-Harris Administration to extend Medicaid and

CHIP postpartum coverage for a full 12-months under its state plan under the American Rescue Plan.

- b. Patients will be automatically enrolled in Medicaid when they see their provider; the provider will not have to do any additional tasks.
- c. If a patient was dropped from Medicaid before April 01, they should be able to re-enroll. If the patient gave birth six months ago and does not have insurance after 60 days, they should be eligible again.

IV. Legislative updates: Resolutions and implementation

- a. Free Standing Birthing Facilities – A New Notice of Intent draft was circulated to stakeholders. Stakeholders are addressing new comments now. The new Notice of Intent is currently with legal as necessary adjustments are made before publication.
- b. Maternal Levels of Care – Notice of Intent was published in the December registrar. Two public comments were received and addressed. In addition, health Standards reached out to Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell on May 8, 2022, informing her the legal Department had made some recommendations regarding language for consistency. Dr. Gillispie-Bell has accepted all edits from legal. The rule should be promulgated in the next few months.
- c. Louisiana Doula Registry – Dr. Gillispie-Bell discussed Act 182, Louisiana Department of Health was charged with establishing the Doula Registry Board. The Doula Registry Board is still working to fill a few vacant positions based on the legislative act. Currently, Bureau of Family Health staff are working on creating a rule as directed in the legislation. The rule will address the duties and functionality of the Board as well as the registration requirements for the registry. The next Doula Registry Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, 2022.
- d. 2022 Legislative Updates – Updates provided by Ayesha Umrigar.
  - i. SR 60 - Requests the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study the causes of infertility in women and mandating insurance coverage of fertility treatments for women. –Subject to Call – Senate floor.
  - ii. SR 131 - Establishes the Study Commission on Maternal Health and Wellbeing to make recommendations on connecting pregnant women and new mothers, particularly in rural and underserved areas, with resources for the health and wellbeing of the mother and child. – pending Senate Health and Welfare.
  - iii. SB 116 - Creates the Office on Women's Health within the Louisiana Department of Health- pending House Appropriations.
  - iv. SB 154- provides health insurance coverage of genetic testing for critically ill infants with no diagnosis subject to Call–House final passage.
  - v. SB 268 - Provides relative to opioid treatment programs for pregnant women. – pending House passage.
  - vi. HB 90 - Creates the Office on Women's Health within the La. Department of Health and provides for the duties and functions of the office – pending Senate Finance.
  - vii. HB 516 - Requires each governing authority of a public high school to adopt policies regarding attendance, breastfeeding, and childcare for pregnant or parenting students – pending Senate Education.
  - viii. HB 537 - requires health insurance coverage for infertility treatments – pending House passage subject to call.

- ix. HB 557 - Provides relative to the dispensing of contraceptives – passed Senate Health and pending Senate floor action.
  - x. HB 650 - Provides for Medicaid coverage of prescription human milk pending House Appropriations
  - xi. HB 651 - provides relative insurance coverage for prescription breast milk – pending House Appropriations.
  - xii. HB 784 -provides relative to universal perinatal mood disorder screening for primary care doctors – pending House approval of amendments.
  - xiii. HB 909 - Establishes a continuum of care program for certain pregnant women and parents of young children – Pending referral to a Senate committee.
  - xiv. HB 1027 - Provides relative to criminal and civil liability of certain pregnancy outcomes – died in committee.
  - xv. HB 1061 - Provides for procedures for victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses – pending Senate floor action.
- V. Perinatal Commission presentation – Amy Zapata gave a presentation on plans and approaches for boards and commissions under the Office of Public Health (OPH) Bureau of Family Health (BFH) – SFY 2023. All boards and commissions are being reviewed to ensure time and efforts are optimized for members. There will be more structured meetings, workgroups, and report deliverables. There will be re-orientation for all members of all boards, commissions, and advisory groups for the following: legislative mandate; how boards and commissions work and member's expectations; open meeting requirements; ethics, priorities, reports, and visibility.
- VI. Perinatal Commission authorized projects
- a. Safe Birth Initiative (SBI) – Amy Ladley reported all but two of the 44 participating facilities are reporting monthly data. In addition, during the week of May 23, 2022, the LaPQC will be sending out Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) Scorecards. The NTSV Scorecard is a customized report for participating facilities that will outline the Joint Commission PC-02 calculated NTSV Cesarean delivery rate, which is submitted to the LaPQC, as well as their Vital Records calculated NTSV cesarean delivery rate, that is also stratified by race and ethnicity. The NTSV Scorecard will be sent out quarterly as data is available. The NTSV Scorecard will allow hospitals the opportunity to view data and have some in-depth conversations.
  - b. The Gift – Amy Ladley reported that over 80% of the facilities report monthly data. The Gift has also been dedicating a great deal of time to supporting facilities, the Bureau of Media and Communications (BMAC), and partnering with Dr. Dumas and WIC to support messaging and resource management regarding the formula shortage.
  - c. Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) – Amy Ladley reported that 50% of the teams have been reporting quality improvement (QI) data since February. Ochsner Westbank, one of the 13 facilities, has withdrawn from ICSED due to internal capacity issues—currently trying to assess one facility in the Shreveport area. There are currently 12 facilities participating in ICSED.
  - d. Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative – Julie Emory reported that Friday, May 20, 2022, is the kick-off meeting (virtual) for the Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Pilot. The meeting will consist of the pilot overview, what the committee hopes to learn, how they would use quality improvement science, and details regarding how data will be tracked. The participating practices will

begin reporting data in July. Each pilot practice has demonstrated readiness to participate in the Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative.

- e. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported the draft is complete for the 2017-2019 PAMR Report. The PAMR Report will be sent to BMAC on Monday, May 23, 2022, for review. PAMR has a very streamlined plan for reviewing the draft of the report, including who is reviewing the document, the purpose, and the deadline of review. The 2017-2019 PAMR Report is scheduled to be released by summer 2022. PAMR is currently in the process of reviewing 2020 cases. The next PAMR meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022, during which the committee will be review COVID-19 cases and an internal review of cancer cases.

VII. Workgroup reports/Updates and discussion

- a. Mental Health Workgroup – The workgroup met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, and discussed screening for mental health disorders and for substance use disorder. A script was generated in the Substance Abuse Pregnancy Toolkit based on motivational interviewing techniques. Using this script, a person with minimal training or an unlicensed person would be able to provide appropriate information to a person screened positive. The Mental Health Workgroup will be working on a brief to provide recommendations and will send a copy of the brief to the Perinatal Commission members once completed.
  - i. On Mother's Day 2022, the Biden Administration Mental Health Strategy launched a Maternal Mental Health hotline for mothers to call or text 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS [1-833-943-5746] to connect with a counselor at no charge.
- b. Telehealth/Telemedicine Workgroup – Currently working on a brief including recommendations from the workgroup. Dr. Gillispie-Bell will submit the Telehealth Workgroup brief once the PAMR Report is completed.
- c. Postpartum Care Workgroup – Currently working on a brief that identifies four areas of exploration: low rates of immediate postpartum long- acting reversible contraception (LARC) placement within delivering hospitals; lower reimbursement for gynecology claims from Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO); health disparities and disease progression related to lack of preventive health services; and access to providers accepting Medicaid for gynecology services. The Postpartum Workgroup Brief will be sent out to all attendees.

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. Adjourn – The next Perinatal Commission working call will be Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be July 21, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

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# 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

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**Link for public viewing:**

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Phone: 646-558-8656 Conference Code: 716121

### AGENDA

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

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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
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Scott Barrilleaux	Chair - Perinatologist	Present
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<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:
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- 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.

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Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

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September 15, 2022 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Location:**

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Press Room

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Amanda Perry	Kerrie Redmond
Amy Ladley	Kim Williams
Angela Adkins	Lyn Kieltyka
Ashley Politz	Martha Hennegan
Becky Majdoch	Mattilyn Karst
Berkley Durbin	Paulette Carter
Brittany McAllister	Rachel Purgatorio
C Douglas	Rachelle Boudreaux
Caitly Avara	Robin Gruenfeld
Cara McCarthy	Shelly Ryan Gray
Christina Guillory	Stephen Russo
Daniella Mistretta	Tammy Bennett
Dionka Pierce	Tonya Hunter
Dr. James Hussey	Veronica Gillispie-Bell
Ellie Shilling	Yasser Omar Abdellatif

- II. Review/approval of previous meeting notes
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  - b. Other meeting minutes pending Commission approval: November 18, 2021, January 20, 2022, March 17, 2022 and May 19, 2022.
- III. Systems of care:
  - a. Presentation re: Dobbs decision – Stephen Russo reported that on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court issued their ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. On August 1, [Act 545](#) went into effect in Louisiana. This law defines what is considered abortion. Under the law, the Louisiana Department of

- Health (LDH) has to produce a list of “medically futile” pregnancies for which an abortion can be performed.
- b. Operationalizing participation in levels of care – Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell reported in the updated Louisiana Levels of Maternal Care, which will be promulgated in rule by the end of 2022, the Perinatal Commission has been tasked with defining participation in the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC). Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has created the Birth Friendly Hospital designation, and the main criteria are designation is participation in a state perinatal quality collaborative. For these reasons, the Perinatal Commission needs to define the criteria for “participation”. Prior to the meeting, a draft of suggestions was provided to members for review. We will discuss and vote once quorum is present.
- IV. Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee updates – Dr. Amanda Dumas reported the August 2022 meeting was cancelled. The committee is currently rebuilding and working on the current bylaws of the committees. The next Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2022.
  - V. Commission authorized projects given by Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell:
    - a. Improving Care for the Substance-Exposed Dyad (ICSED) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported the Improved Care for the Substance Exposed Dyad (ICSED) Learning Session is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022, at Women’s Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There will be someone speaking at the Learning Session with lived experience and addressing bias and stigma will be discussed with participants.
    - b. The Gift – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported The Gift program currently has nine facilities that are up for redesignation. For the next review cycle, the applications are due on September 30, 2022. 80% of the facilities are reporting monthly data and currently piloting competency training in two of the facilities.
    - c. Safe Birth Initiative (SBI) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported that 47 out of 48 birthing facilities are currently participating in the LaPQC. Out of the 47 birthing facilities, 100% are implementing quantitative blood loss (QBL). AIM supplemental funding is now being used to conduct OB Boot Camps. The LaPQC is presently working with the hospitals to prepare the facilities for the quality initiatives included in the Levels of Maternal Care including venous thromboembolism (VTE) and sepsis. The LaPQC has received a CDC grant and will be utilizing the funds to partner with emergency room facilities to strengthen the treatment of hypertension and screening for substance abuse disorders and mental health disorders.
    - d. Caregiver Perinatal Depression Screening Initiative – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported all pediatric practices in the pilot are screening for caregiver perinatal depression. Currently practices are working on the scripting for screening and resource mapping.
    - e. Pregnancy Associated Mortality Surveillance (PAMR) – Dr. Gillispie-Bell reported the 2017-2019 Pregnancy Associated Mortality Report will be released on Friday, September 23, 2022.
  - VI. Legislative review/update on implementation
    - a. Louisiana Doula Registry – Rebecca Majdoch reported the Louisiana Doula Registry Board was established through [HB 190/ACT 182](#) of the 2021

Legislative Session. Bureau of Family Health (BFH) staff are in the process of building out the site where the doula registry will be hosted. Rulemaking is in progress.

- b. Perinatal Mood Disorder Screening – Rebecca Majdoch reported the Perinatal Mood Disorder Screening established through [HB784/Act188](#) of the 2022 Legislative Session. Resources pertaining to perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, including symptoms, treatment, and available resources have been posted on the LDH website. Link: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/2200>. BFH along with OPH is developing network adequacy standards for treating pregnant and postpartum women with depression or related mental health disorders and postpartum women with substance use disorders.
- c. Emergency Contraception – [HB1061](#) of the 2022 Legislative session requires that victims of sexually-orientated criminal offenses be provided with information about emergency contraception and requires the healthcare provider to inform the victim of the option to be provided with emergency contraception. Materials have been drafted and are in the process of being reviewed.
- d. Request for Policies Relative to Children Giving Birth – SR 87 of the 2022 Legislative Session requires LDH to enact policies to assist adolescents after giving birth in hospitals. BFH and Medicaid will send a letter outlining relevant policies and plans for future action to Senator Mizell no later than January 15, 2023.
- e. Study Commission on Maternal Health and Wellbeing – SR 131 Establishes the Study Commission on Maternal Health and Wellbeing. The Commission's directive is to research and make recommendations on connecting pregnant women and new mothers, particularly in rural and underserved areas, with resources for the health and wellbeing of the mother and child. The first meeting was held on August 26, 2022, and the next meeting will be held on October 05, 2022. The report will be drafted by December 29, 2022, for the Department to review and approve.

VII. Membership vacancies

- a. Family Practitioner
- b. Family Planning Representative
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VIII. Announcements

- a. The next Doula Registry Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Please send all inquiries regarding the Doula Registry to Keshia Holmes at [Keshia.Holmes@la.gov](mailto:Keshia.Holmes@la.gov).

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

**November 17, 2022 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

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Press Room

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**Phone: 646-558-8656**

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**Meeting Minutes**

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A. Cloyd	Lyn Kieltyka
Becky Majdoch	Martha Hennegan
Berkley Durbin	Mathew Wallace
Brittany McAllister	Meshawn Tarver
Cara McCarthy	Paulette Carter
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    - November 18, 2021,
    - January 20, 2022,
    - March 17, 2022,
    - May 19, 2022, and
    - July 21, 2022.
- III. Operationalizing participation in Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)
- a. The LaPQC focuses on systems and culture change that promotes safe, equitable, and dignified birth. Currently, 47 of 48 birthing hospitals in Louisiana participate in at least one LaPQC initiative. However, “participation” has never been clearly defined, as required by Federal regulations.
  - b. Suggested language – The Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality defines participation in the state perinatal quality collaborative as

reporting national Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) measures that allow Louisiana to be designated as an “AIM” state. Of note, this language does not include a breastfeeding metric which does not reflect the work of *The Gift*. We would also recommend including “and national breastfeeding metrics”.

- c. Discussion and voting on the suggested language will take place at the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting, if there is a quorum present.

IV. Systems of care

- a. Free Standing Birth Centers – Health Standards recently met with stakeholders regarding rulemaking. A new notice of intent is pending
- b. Maternal levels of care – Some language changes were needed; currently with LDH legal for review. The Notice of Intent should be published in the February register. Final rule slated to be published in May or June.
- c. Doula Registry – Currently stalled due to a lack of a quorum at registry board meetings.

V. Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee

- a. Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee has been hired as the Medicaid Chief Medical Officer.
- b. All providers need to be enrolled in Medicaid portal. Those not enrolled may have their claims denied.
- c. Post COVID-19 pandemic, some Medicaid reimbursements may be rolled back, specifically reimbursement for some types of in-person visits. Telemedicine visits will continue to be reimbursed.
- d. As of January 1, 2023, Humana will join Louisiana Medicaid’s MCO network. Some clients will be reassigned to this new MCO. Families will remain together; pregnant people will not be reassigned during pregnancy.

VI. 2023 Workgroups

- a. Reviewed legislative mandate for the Perinatal Commission and discussed proposed functional areas (guidelines, research, policy). At the January 19, 2023 meeting, Commissioners will discuss the plan for selecting areas of focus for workgroups.

VII. Legislative implementation

- a. Study Commission on Maternal Health and Wellbeing - Directive of the commission is to research and make recommendations on connecting pregnant women and new mothers, particularly in rural and underserved areas, with resources for the health and wellbeing of the mother and child. Policy proposals are being documented in a February 2023 report

VIII. Membership

- a. Vacancies
  - Family Practitioner
  - Family Planning Representative
- b. Process for applying
  - Email [PerinatalCommission@la.gov](mailto:PerinatalCommission@la.gov) to express interest or nominate someone.
  - Fill out an application with the Office of the Governor:  
<https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/form/home/14>

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

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# **Operationalizing Participation in the LaPQC**

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November 2022

# Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative

- Focused on systems and culture change that promotes **safe**, **equitable**, and **dignified** birth.
  - **47** of **49** birthing hospitals in Louisiana participate in at least 1 LaPQC initiative.
  - Covers **>96%** of births in Louisiana.
  - Source of inpatient AIM bundle implementation since 2018.
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**However,...**

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Participation has never been defined

# Federal and National Considerations

- CMS proposed “Birthing Friendly” hospital quality designation requirements
    - **Participating** in a structured **state** or national **Perinatal Quality Improvement (QI) Collaborative**
    - **Implementing patient safety practices or bundles** as part of these QI initiatives
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# Perinatal Commission Responsibility

- **Levels of Maternal Care**
  - *Participation in the state perinatal quality collaborative, which is under the authority of the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality, **is required and defined as reporting national perinatal measures** determined by the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality*
- **Free-Standing Birth Centers**
  - *...**participation in the state perinatal quality collaborative**, which is under the authority of the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention on Infant Mortality, **defined as reporting perinatal measures** determined by the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention on Infant Mortality*

# Suggested Language...

- *The Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality defines participation in the state perinatal quality collaborative as reporting national Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) measures that allow Louisiana to be designated as an “AIM” state.*
- The expectation is that participating facilities will report on a monthly/quarterly basis depending on the requirements of the initiative





# Questions and Discussion

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