



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

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

September 15, 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=ZlFjVU1FTTF5TFp5TDZxMU9TTElNdz09> Phone:  
646-558-8656 Conference Code: 716121

### AGENDA

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

Member	Position	Present or Absent
Scott Barrilleaux	Chair - Perinatologist	Present
Steve Spedale	Neonatologist	Present
Rodney Wise	Private Health Care Administrator	Virtual
Amy Zapata	Public Health Care Administrator	Absent
Leslie Lewis	Nutritionist	Virtual
Amar Nijjar	Neonatologist	Absent
Courtney Kling Campbell	Pediatrician	Virtual
Aundria Cannon	Nurse Practitioner in Women's	Present

	Health	
Erica Moss	Neonatal Nurse	Virtual
Joey Biggio	Perinatologist	Present
Sen. Regina Barrow	Senator	Absent
Rep. Rhonda Butler	Representative	Present
Emily Stevens	Social Worker	Absent
Marshall St. Amant	Perinatologist	Absent

Guest	
Allison Hurwitz	Kayla Cutno
Amanda Dumas	Kayla Livingston
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
  - a. Minutes from the July 21, 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, 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
- c. Please send all inquiries for vacant positions to Keshia Holmes at [Keshia.Holmes@la.gov](mailto:Keshia.Holmes@la.gov).

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).

IX. Adjourn – The next Perinatal Commission meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 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.