



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

May 19, 2022 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Primary location is virtual:

<https://zoom.us/j/92495613240?pwd=ZlFjVU1FTTF5TFp5TDZxMU9TTElNdz09>

Phone: 646- 558- 8656 Conference code: 716121

Secondary location:

Benson Tower, 1450 Poydras St, 20th Floor; New Orleans, LA 70112

Masking required due to elevated COVID case rates

AGENDA

I. Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions

Member	Position	Present or Absent
Amar Nijjar	Neonatologist	Absent
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	Present
Erica Moss	Neonatal Nurse	Present
Joey Biggio	Perinatologist	Absent
Leslie Lewis	Nutritionist	Absent
Marshall St. Amant	Perinatologist	Absent
Rep. Rhonda Butler	Representative	Absent
Rodney Wise	Private Health	Present

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

Guests	
Amanda Dumas	Laurel Kitto
Amanda Perry	Liz Keenan
Amy Ladley	Lyn Kieltyka
Ashley Politz	Martha Hennegan
Ayesha Umrigar	Matthew Wallace
Becky Majdoch	Meshawn Tarver
Berkley Durbin	Nanette McCann
Cara McCarthy	Rachel Hyde
Charlotte Godeau	Patti Barovechio
Daniella Mistretta	Paulette Carter
Daphne Robinson	Rachel Purgatorio
Dawn Collins	Randall Leggett
Debra Feller	Renee Antoine
Divine Nicholas	Robin Grunfeld
Dionka Pierce	Sara Dickerson
Frankie Robertson	Shatamia Webb
James Hussey	Shelly Ryan Gray
Julie Emory	Tammy Bennett
Kayla Livingston	Veronica Gillispie-Bell
Keshia Holmes	Victoria Williams
Kimberly Novod	Yasser Omar Abdellatif

- II. Review/approval of previous meeting notes
 - 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 states 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 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.

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

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