

**Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, September 14, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Moreton Building Room M-100**  
**1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Austin, TX 78756**

Table 1: Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Task Force member attendance at the Friday, September 14, 2018 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Ms. Nancy Alderman	X		Dr. K. Kimberley Molina	X	
Dr. Eumenia Castro	X		Dr. Carla Ortique	X	
Dr. Meitra Doty	X		Dr. Lavannya Pandit	X	
Dr. Linda Gaul	X		Dr. Ronald Peron	X	
Ms. Pamala Gessling	X		Dr. Amy Raines-Milenkov	X	
Dr. Manda Hall	X		Dr. Christina Murphey		X
Ms. June Hanke	X		Dr. Patrick Ramsey		X
Dr. Lisa Hollier	X		Ms. Nancy Jo Reedy	X	
Dr. James Maher	X				

STAFF NAME	YES	NO	STAFF NAME	YES	NO
Ms. Sonia Baeva	X		Mr. Jeremy Triplett	X	
Dr. Brad Fitzwater	X		Ms. Allison Waage	X	
Dr. Karen Ruggiero	X		Ms. Audrey Young	X	
Ms. Julie Stagg	X				

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

Dr. Lisa Hollier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and requested a moment of silence for the Texas families who have been forever impacted by the loss of a Mother. Dr. Hollier turned the floor over to Ms. Stephanie Gutierrez, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination. Ms. Gutierrez read logistical announcements, called roll, and determined a quorum.

**Agenda Item 2: Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Hollier welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the two new Task Force members, Dr. Lavannya Pandit and Dr. Christina Murphey. Dr. Hollier requested members of the Task Force introduce themselves for the record.

### **Agenda Item 3: Approval of June 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Gutierrez noted members have a copy of the June 15, 2018 meeting minutes in their packet. The members reviewed the minutes prior to the meeting. Ms. Gutierrez requested a motion. Dr. James Maher made the motion to approve the June 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Dr. Carla Ortique seconded. A roll call vote was taken for the member over the phone. A voice vote was taken for all members in the room. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

### **Agenda Item 4: Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force and DSHS Joint Biennial Report Findings and Recommendations**

Dr. Hollier introduced and turned the floor over to Dr. Manda Hall, Associate Commissioner Community Health Improvement and Dr. Carla Ortique, Task Force member.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Ortique referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force and Department of State Health Services: 2018 Joint Biennial Report*.

### **Agenda Item 5: A Review of California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative Cardiovascular Disease Toolkit**

Dr. Hollier announced for the record that this item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

### **Agenda Item 6: Consultation for Cause of Death Data Improvement Report**

Dr. Hollier introduced and turned the floor over to Dr. Tara Das, Vital Statistics State Registrar.

Dr. Das referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Cause of Death Data Improvement*.

Members discussed:

1. Death certificates
  - a. Suggested improvements for improving death certificate training and a more user-friendly site for death certifiers
2. Educating medical students on what vital statistics data is used for
3. A new electronic data system

## **Agenda Item 7: Business Updates**

Dr. Hollier introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. Jeremy Triplett, DSHS, Maternal and Child Health Director. Mr. Triplett presented business updates to the Task Force:

1. Two new staff primarily working on the Texas Alliance and Innovation on Maternal Health, AIM project
2. Ten hospitals have agreed to pilot an AIM Bundle on Obstetric Care for Women with Opioid Use Disorder
3. DSHS has submitted a request for additional funding from the legislature:
  - a. To add capacity and resources for effective AIM implementation
  - b. Possible stipends for under-resourced hospitals to help implement AIM
  - c. A care coordination pilot program for women with high risk pregnancies
  - d. Enhance community and provider understanding about maternal health risk factors
4. One hundred eighty-eight birthing hospitals actively enrolled in Texas AIM and 147 birthing hospitals enrolled in Texas AIM Plus.
5. Developing a pilot to implement an AIM Obstetric Care for Women with Opioid Use Disorder Bundle
6. There will be 14 cases to review at the meeting today

Mr. Triplett thanked the staff involved with reviewing cases. Dr. Hall reiterated the appreciation of staff.

## **Agenda Item 8: New Business**

Dr. Hollier opened the floor to members for discussion of future meeting topics. Dr. Hall stated for record that the presentation, *A Review of California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative Cardiovascular Disease Toolkit* will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

## **Agenda Item 9: Public Comment**

Ms. Gutierrez read the Public Comment logistical announcements and called members of the public to address members of the Task Force.

1. Ms. Patricia Major: discussed the accessibility of the Healthy Texas Women program and provided a handout to members regarding the background and results of a randomized study.
2. Ms. Dinah Waranch: discussed diversifying Task Force members to provide better representation of the women affected. Ms. Waranch also discussed increasing post-partum care, specifically in the home.

3. Ms. Patti Hamilton: provided a handout to members regarding data of death records and two recommendations:
  - a. Apply a failure to rescue model.
  - b. Develop specific recommendations for addressing maternal death from homicide in the report.
4. Ms. Tracie Lowe: requested the Task Force include women of color in their membership. Ms. Lowe also requested the Task Force dig deeper into the complex systematic factors of why black women are the most at risk for maternal death.

Dr. Hollier thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 10: Executive Session**

The Task Force went into a closed session at 10:20 am.

### **Agenda Item 11: Open Session & Adjournment**

The Task Force went into open session at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Hollier immediately adjourned the meeting.

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