

September 18, 2020 - 9:00am

Agenda

Location: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams only. There is not a physical location for this meeting.

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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of March 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes
4. Subcommittee on Maternal Health Disparities Update
5. [Consultation for Cause of Death Data Improvement Report: DSHS to consult with the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee on Cause of Death Data Improvement under Health and Safety Code, Section 1001.0712.](#)
6. Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee Operational Updates
7. [COVID-19 and Considerations for Maternal Mortality Review](#)
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Public Comment
10. Executive Session: to review cases under Health and Safety Code, Section 34.007 as authorized by Section 34.004.
11. Adjourn

Public comment may be taken on any agenda item.

Please note that this governmental meeting is, in the opinion of counsel representing the Health and Human Services System, an open meeting subject to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and the Health and Human Services System is providing notice of this meeting as required by Chapter 551.

Public Comment: The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Texas maternal mortality and morbidity. Members of the public who would like to provide public comment are asked to complete a Public Comment Form at http://texashhsm meetings.org/MMMRC_PCReg_Sept2020. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comment to DSHS by emailing MaternalHealth@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 pm, September 15, 2020. Please include your name and the organization you are representing, or if you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the MMMRC.

If you would like to register to provide oral comments, please mark the correct box on the registration form. Instructions for providing oral comment will be emailed to you with the information about joining the meeting. Registration must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2020. Members of the public may also use the MS Teams Live Event Q&A section to submit a request to provide public comment. The request must contain your name and the organization you are representing, or if you are speaking as a private citizen as well as your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to 3 minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and whom they are speaking on behalf of. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible pdf format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to MMMRC members, State staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to MaternalHealth@dshs.texas.gov immediately after registering and include the name of the person who will be commenting. It is not permissible for public speakers to interject or ask questions to MMMRC members during the rest of the meeting.

Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Allison Waage at (512) 776-2907. Due to COVID-19, the staff is teleworking. Please leave a message, and staff will return your call. You may also email questions to MaternalHealth@dshs.texas.gov.

This meeting is open to the public. No reservations are required, and there is no cost to attend this meeting.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require assistive technology or services should contact Allison Waage at 512-776-2907 or Allison.waage@dshs.texas.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.