

Meeting Minutes: Commission on Maternal and Infant Health

Date: April 21, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Champa Woodham, Shae Evans, Shannon Mayfield, Rep. Carmen Rice, Marlo Vernon, Rep. Karen Bennett, Monica Newton, Keisha Callins, Kimberly Ross

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

- Dr. Champa Woodham welcomed attendees.
- No introductions were necessary

2. February Meeting Minutes Review and Debrief (10 minutes)

- The group was asked to identify any missing items or corrections needed in the February minutes. No corrections were identified.

3. Maternal Health in Georgia, 2019–2023 Data Presentation (25 minutes)

- Presenter: Dr. Kristina Lam, MD, MPH – Georgia Department of Public Health
- Presentation covered trends in maternal health outcomes from 2019 to 2023.
- A Q&A session followed (10 minutes).
- Requests from the Commission:
 - Map of maternal care deserts.
 - Map of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
 - Map showing hospital closures layered with FQHCs.
 - Information from the DPH Levels of Care team, including:
 - Which hospitals have implemented the Levels of Care.
 - Challenges or barriers faced during implementation.

4. Infant Health in Georgia Data Presentation (25 minutes)

- Presenter: Dr. Tonia Ruddock, PhD, MPH – Georgia Department of Public Health
- Overview of infant health indicators across Georgia.
- A Q&A session followed (10 minutes).
- Requests from the Commission:
 - Present data broken down by region.
- The Commission asked for a presentation on breastfeeding data

5. Closing Remarks and Next Steps (5 minutes)

- Future meetings will include presentations on current initiatives aimed at improving maternal and infant health.