

Meeting Minutes

Perinatal & Women's Health Committee
July 21, 2026

Call to order @ 1309 PM

A meeting of the Perinatal & Women's Health Committee was held at UT Health Tyler North Campus on July 21, 2026.

(See sign in sheet attachments)

Purpose of the Meeting:

- Follow up on RAC-G General Assembly, discuss new items of business, updates on the perinatal bracelet project, discussion about open co-chair position, information from Mandie Watson-RAC-G President, and open discussion among members.
- **Perinatal Regional Plan & Perinatal Committee Charter Discussion:**
 - Mandie Watson present at meeting and discussed the Perinatal Regional Plan that had been submitted to DSHS. Reviewed by all present committee members with approval. Discussion about adding regional transport agencies to perinatal plan in the future.
 - Mandie Watson and Virginia Lucas presented a need for a perinatal committee charter. A template was shared with committee members for review/consideration. A discussion of items needed in the charter were discussed such as: disaster preparedness, regional performance improvement, and regional review. Mandie discussed a data sharepoint that is currently under construction.

Action items: All committee members asked to prepare ideas for the charter to present at the next committee meeting.

- **Integration of routine regional QAPI review at upcoming meetings:**
 - Jenna Lucas presented maternal and neonatal rules requiring medical directors and program managers to be involved in regional quality improvement.
- **Committee requirements/rules & MMD/NMD engagement:**
 - Discussion regarding future plans for regional perinatal and neonatal QAPI to be held virtually via quarterly TEAMS meeting. Plan discussed and committee decision to proceed with each hospital presenting at least one maternal and one neonatal case annually. Hospitals to rotate with two hospitals presenting per quarterly meeting. Mandie to schedule future meetings via TEAMS with the invitation coming from RAC-G. Cases presented will involve medical directors and program managers from each hospital ensuring confidentiality and HIPAA compliance.

Action items: Mandie to schedule upcoming committee meetings via TEAMS.

- **Open discussion:**

- Marcie Tunstall volunteered to be perinatal representation on the Whole Blood Committee. Marcie to connect with Dr. Walker (MFM) to help close the loop on appropriate MFM follow up regarding whole blood project. Cassi Clarke to speak with Dr. Sarumi regarding MFM follow up as well.
- Suggestion to increase committee meeting frequency to monthly verses quarterly. Discussion among committee members present with decision to schedule monthly meetings via TEAMS with continued in person committee meetings on general assembly meeting days. One monthly meeting each quarter will be a designated QAPI review day. Decision among present committee members for the meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at noon.
- A poll will be sent out to committee members regarding suggested quality improvement project topics.
- Bonnie Bearden volunteered to represent as co-chair for the Perinatal & Women's Health Committee. Voted on by all committee members with no opposition.
- Restock of perinatal bracelets for UT Tyler and Christus Trinity Mother Frances.

Action items: Kaylee to submit Bonnie Bearden nomination as co-chair to executive committee for approval. Poll to be sent out to committee regarding QAPI topics prior to next meeting.

- **Announcements:**

- Next RAC-G Perinatal & Women's Health Committee virtual TEAMS meeting on August 18, 2026.
- Next RAC-G General Assembly meeting: October 20, 2026.

Adjournment @ 1402 PM

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