



Virginia Doula Task Force Subcommittee Meeting

July 21, 2026
10:00 – 11:30am

Meeting Location: Virtual

Meeting Minutes

Council Member Attendance
Bold = Present <i>Italicized</i> = Absent
Attendees and Members
Lisa Brown (Non-Member)
Nataki Hill (Non-Member)
Taja Iglesias
Basmah Karriem
Dr. Nichole Wardlaw

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Staff Support: Consuelo Staton, Art Thomas, Jayla Dickens

Task Force Business – Consuelo Staton

- Dr. Nichole Wardlaw/Consuelo Staton called to order at 10:08. Roll call was initiated by Consuelo Staton.

Discussion: Virginia Doula Training Provider Rubric

- Consuelo Staton explained that the document is intended to establish a consistent baseline for all training providers by clearly outlining the minimum information and documentation required when applying to become a Virginia-certified training entity. Once the subcommittee finalizes its recommendations, the rubric will be forwarded to the full Task Force and ultimately to the Virginia Certification Board for review and implementation. The discussion explored how organizations might partner with other entities or offer specialized instruction while still ensuring that prospective doulas ultimately receive all required education. The subcommittee reviewed the draft training rubric and discussed revisions to the minimum instructional hours for several competency areas. The group also discussed how training is currently provided in the field and opportunities for more alignment. The group wants the rubric to reflect what the community wants.

Recommendation Summary – Subcommittee members

- Further discussion is needed to finalize recommendations. Conversation will continue at next meeting.

Public Comment Period

- There were no members of the public present to make a public comment.

Adjournment – Dr. Nichole Wardlaw

- The next meeting will be on July 31, 2026. The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.