

Task Force on Maternal Health Data & Quality Measures

Monday, August 17, 2026

10:00am – 1:00pm

Virginia General Assembly Building

House Room C – 206

201 N. 9th St, Richmond, VA, 23219

Attendance (Present = **Bold**)

Delegate Delores Oates (Virtual)	Senator Emily Jordan (Partial Attendance)
Delegate Margaret Franklin	Senator Mamie Locke (Partial Attendance)
Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling	Senator Jennifer Carroll Foy
Delegate Shelly Simonds	Laura Boutwell, DMAS
Delegate Charniele Herring	Sandra Serna, VDH OHE (Virtual)
Kyle Russell, VHI	Rich Rosendahl, DMAS
Shannon Pursell, VNPC	Melanie Rouse, VDH OCME

VDH Staff

Dane De Silva, PhD, MPH: Director, Division of Population Health Data, Office of Family Health Services

Julie Keeney, MPH: Contractor, Task Force Coordinator, Division of Population Health Data

John Dougherty: Contractor, Facilitator

Agenda

10:00am – 10:15am	Welcome & Work Group Business: Dr. Dane De Silva • Call meeting to order • Agenda overview • August 10 Meeting Minutes Dr. De Silva verbally requested Task Force members to share any additions to draft meeting minutes from 8/10. • Task Force Timeline Dr. De Silva provided a brief overview of the current Task Force timeline.
10:15am – 11:30am	Recommendation Status Review (Continued from 8/10 meeting): Dr. De Silva recapped updates shared from last week related to the discussion of the first two themes and invited additional updates to be shared. • Theme 1: Policy

	DMAS representatives shared updates re: recommendation on FQHC provider reimbursement; VHHA [as member of the public] provided an update re: CHW initiative overview as requested by Del. Simonds; & Del. Franklin clarified language on HB1400 • Theme 2: Data Collaboration Central data repository recommendation revisited; request to include multi-agency data reports, dashboard links, definitions, how data can be used, & update cadence. Members reiterated that quality metrics and data are the over-arching needs of Task Force Mr. Dougherty facilitated group discussion of the remaining themes. • Theme 3: Improved Data Collection Mr. Dougherty guided members through recommendations in theme 3 with updates from VHI, DMAS, VDH, VNPC and Del. Franklin. • Theme 4: Social Determinants of Health Mr. Dougherty requested member updates on theme 4 recommendations; VHI, VDH, and DMAS provided. Members requested narrowing scope of theme 4 to 2-5 specific SDOH metrics, identifying use cases, and shared ideas on how this information could be captured. Members requested additional info re: adding postpartum home visiting as essential health benefit (for HIRC to study) & data on OB screening for domestic violence/access to lethal means. Prioritization Survey Findings: John Dougherty, Facilitator • Mr. Dougherty shared the ranking of themes from member responses to the Recommendation Prioritization Survey. Mr. Dougherty invited members to review the purpose and outcome statements shared by survey participants.
11:30am – 11:35am	Break
11:35am – 12:40pm	Facilitated Group Activity: John Dougherty, Facilitator • Mr. Dougherty provided an overview of the activity and priority matrix. Members were split into 2 groups and tasked to discuss theme activities, note “quick wins” (low effort/high impact activities) and add activities they felt were missing. • Each theme was discussed for 10-12 minutes simultaneously among the two small groups. Before moving to the next theme, the facilitator shared activity additions made by either group.
12:40pm – 12:50pm	Period for Public Comment: Dr. De Silva • Kathryn Haines, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

	Ms. Haines highlighted the lack of midwife inclusion throughout the theme topics and recommendations made by previous iterations of the Task Force. Ms. Haines emphasized the critical role midwives in MCH care, especially for underserved communities. She also recommended policy be introduced to provide full reimbursement for midwife services. Finally, Ms. Haines requested more public notice for scheduled meetings of the Task Force.
12:50pm – 1:00pm	Member Selected Activity Prioritization: John Dougherty, Facilitator - To get a sense of where the Task Force may want to narrow their focus and inform the written report members were asked to place stickers next to an activity or activities they feel should be a priority of the Task Force moving forward. Each member was provided 5 dot stickers and informed to place their stickers before adjourning. Members had a choice of placing multiple stickers on an activity or choosing up to five different activities. Meeting Close Out: Dr. De Silva - Dr. De Silva asked members to place their stickers before adjourning and reminded them that the coordinators would like to have a close-out meeting with ex-officio, legislative, and governor appointed members later this fall.