



## **VNPC Community Care Advisory Committee**

### **Overview**

The work of the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC) is advised by a group of individuals, selected from varied multidisciplinary groups, invested in the care of persons who are pregnant or parenting and their children up to the age of one.

### **Mission**

The VNPC exists to ensure that every mother has the best possible perinatal care and every infant cared for in Virginia has the best possible start to life. We believe in an evidence-based, data-driven collaborative process that involves care providers for women, infants and families as well as state and local leaders. We believe that working together now will create a stronger, healthier Virginia in the future.

### **Duties:**

1. The Community Care Advisory Committee will identify emerging topics and data trends for maternal and infant health.
2. The Committee will provide recommendations and expert feedback for VNPC quality improvement projects.
3. The Committee may undertake small projects to inform their recommendations as appropriate.

### **Membership and Terms:**

Members shall be actively working in the community focused on maternal and infant health. These members may be but are not limited to: doulas, community health workers, staff nurses, pharmacists, social workers, respiratory therapists, hospital administrators, public health personnel, epidemiologists, elected officials, and patient advocates.

The committee will:

1. consist of no more than 20 members
2. ensure member diversity to adequately represent the Commonwealth
3. serve a three-year term, on a staggered basis; with exception of the community fund award appointees who serve a one-year term
4. attend 8 of 11 meetings

All advisory committee members are required to attend the annual conference at a discounted registration fee, if able. Travel expenses are not covered by the VNPC.

### **Advisory Committee Chair:**

The community care advisory chair is a representative of a community serving organization who has moderate to advanced experience implementing maternal and infant health programs and/or policies in local and/or state communities.

The community care advisory chair will be recruited and selected by VNPC staff. The Advisory Chair will serve a three-year term. After serving a three-year term, the Advisory Chair may be considered among other candidates for an additional three-year term (no more than two terms or six years).

### **Responsibilities of all Committee members:**

- Be respectful.
- Value other members' life experience and opinions.
- Be open, honest, and thoughtful in your discussions.
- Serve as a representative of the VNPC and refrain from any activities that conflict with the VNPC work and/or mission.
- Committee discussions are confidential until approved for public disclosure, not all discussions will become open to disclosure.
- All minutes, agendas and working documents are considered confidential unless approved for public disclosure.
- Support Committee decisions even if there is disagreement with the final decision.