



VNPC Perinatal 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 Perinatal Advisory Committee will identify emerging topics based on data and trends they are seeing in their local community, specific to perinatal care.
2. The Committee will provide recommendations and expert feedback for VNPC quality improvement projects.
3. The Committee may undertake small projects to advance outcomes or efforts related to perinatal health and/or that are in alignment with VNPC mission and grant deliverables.

Membership and Terms:

Open to any subject matter experts in the field of perinatal health, members may be, but are not limited to: physicians, advanced practice nurses, midwives, 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 3-year term, on a staggered basis
4. attend the annual conference at a discounted registration fee
5. attend 8 of 11 meetings

Advisory Committee Chair:

The perinatal advisory chair will have an advanced clinical degree with expertise in obstetrics. Along with experience in maternal health policy or health system strategy.

The perinatal 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 consecutive 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, agenda's and working documents are considered confidential unless approved for public disclosure.
- Support Committee decisions even if there is disagreement with the final decision.