



Summary Notes
Doula Advisory Committee
[Register to attend the Zoom meeting](#)
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This is the first meeting of the Doula Advisory Committee (DAC). Today's focus will be on introductions and orientation for committee members. While this meeting is open to the public for observation (from 2:00 - 3:00 PM only), public comment will not be heard during this meeting. Written public comment may be shared via email to hcpf_maternalchildhealth@state.co.us with DAC Public Comment as the subject line.

1. Introductions - 60 minutes

- a. Background and rationale for the DAC
- b. Member, state agency, and facilitator introductions
- c. Review the expertise and perspectives of the group (DAC Member introductions)
 - a. The DAC decided to moved their monthly meeting to Noon - 2:00 PM.

2. Review and Discuss Operational Guidelines: Public admitted after DAC introductions ended at 2:10 PM

- a. Shared DAC Member characteristics and member names (slides 11 - 13)
 - i. No comments or questions
- b. Shared the DAC boundaries and roles and responsibilities (slides 14 - 15)
 - i. Other state agencies (for example, Department of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Insurance) may be invited to these meetings based on the topic of a given meeting).
 - ii. No additional comments or questions
- c. Group norms and operating commitments
 - i. DAC members participated in group exercises to share their thoughts on how they want to work together. The brainstorming results will be collected and shared as draft norms for the DAC to review, edit, and agree on at the February meeting.
 - ii. Decision-making process
 - 1. Aiming for consensus. When consensus cannot be reached on a recommendation, there will be a process for voting and documenting dissenting opinions and the reasons why they disagree.
 - 2. The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will review the recommendations, and if they cannot use or implement those recommendations, they will explain why.



- iii. Attendance from DAC members is to commit to attending at least 4 meetings. However, if DAC members cannot participate, they can provide input and feedback before the meeting to be read during the meeting. DAC members can also have a proxy attend on their behalf, but please notify the Department before the meeting that a proxy will be participating on your behalf.

3. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Topics

- a. DAC members exercise to share the topics they want the DAC to discuss during their meetings
 - i. The information will be collected and shared with DAC members so they can select specific topics for the February - June DAC meetings.
 - ii. The public was offered to share their ideas via the Zoom chat
- b. Colorado Senate Bill provides scholarship opportunities. The Department is partnering with three community organizations to distribute these scholarships.
- c. At the Perinatal Summit, people expressed interest in establishing a Doula Hub. The Department is exploring options, including testing a possible solution within its existing learning management system (LMS). This might not be an ideal solution, but it could serve as a starting point for the development of a more comprehensive Doula Hub. The Department welcomes your input and ideas for this initiative. Please send your comments and ideas to <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/doulas>
- d. Doula billing manual has been updated <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/doula-manual#progOver>

4. Next Steps and Wrap-Up

- a. The next meeting is on February 19, 2025, from Noon to 2:00 PM. Please visit <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/doulas> to view information about the DAC and [register](#) for upcoming meetings.

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