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To People Interested in Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Issues:

The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC), established under [Texas Health and Safety, Code Chapter 34](#), makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and complications in Texas by studying and reviewing:

- Cases of pregnancy-related deaths;
- Trends, rates, or disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity;
- Health conditions and factors that disproportionately affect the most at-risk populations; and
- Best practices and programs operating in other states that have reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths.

Based on this work, the MMMRC and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) submit a joint biennial report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. In this report, the MMMRC, in consultation with the Perinatal Advisory Council, makes formal recommendations to reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the MMMRC for the following new or vacant positions:

- Community member with experience in a relevant health care field, including a field involving the analysis of health care data, who must represent a *rural* area of this state;
- Community member with experience in a relevant health care field, including a field involving the analysis of health care data, who must represent an *urban* area of this state;
- Physician specializing in emergency care;
- Physician specializing in cardiology;
- Physician specializing in anesthesiology;
- Physician specializing in oncology; and
- Representative of a managed care organization.

The DSHS commissioner will appoint committee members to serve a term of six years or complete the term of a current vacancy. Terms may be shortened or lengthened to comply with statute.

Every member appointed to the MMMRC must attend regularly scheduled quarterly meetings in Austin or virtually and must participate in case review team activities as scheduled. In-person meeting participation is strongly encouraged. Members may also be asked to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations.

- Regular committee meetings are held once every three months or at the call of the DSHS Commissioner. Members must travel to Austin for these meetings or attend virtually unless otherwise specified. Each quarterly meeting may last one to two days.
- Case review team meetings occur up to twice monthly. Each meeting lasts approximately two hours and requires independent preparation in advance.
- Members serving on subcommittees will be required to attend additional meetings as appropriate.
- If a member misses three consecutive meetings within a one-year period with or without notice the member may be removed from the committee.

**Committee members will not receive compensation for participation or reimbursement for travel.**

If you would like to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application, a résumé or curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation **no later than 11:59 p.m., November 30, 2023**. Only complete application packets will be considered.

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DSHS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the committee once the solicitation process is complete.

State law requires DSHS to include committee members who represent Texas' diversity. For this reason, DSHS will consider each applicant's qualifications, background, demographic characteristics, and interest in serving on the committee.

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