

Sickle Cell Task Force (SCTF)

AGENDA

June 26, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Site:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
John H. Winters Building
Public Hearing Room 125, First Floor
125 West 51st Street
Austin, Texas 78751

This meeting will be webcast. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at the address above or access a live stream of the meeting at <https://texashhsm meetings.org/HHSCWebcast>. Select the tab for Winters Live on the date and time for this meeting. Please e-mail Webcasting@hhsc.state.tx.us if you have any problems with the webcasting function.

This meeting will also be conducted via videoconference call in accordance with the requirements of Section 551.127, Government Code. The task force member presiding over the meeting will be physically present at the location specified above.

Meeting Notice: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting.

In accordance with Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence also known as "AI" Notetakers is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

Attendees who would like to provide public comment should see the **Public Comment** section below.

1. Call to order, roll call, and welcoming remarks
2. Consideration of December 10, 2024, draft meeting minutes
3. Legislative updates
4. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Newborn Screening Program updates and announcements
5. Sickle Cell Data Collection Program update
6. SCTF subcommittee updates
 - a. Medicaid Subcommittee
 - b. Public Awareness Campaigns Subcommittee
 - c. Education Subcommittee
 - d. Legislatively Mandated Report Subcommittee
7. 2025 SCTF annual report planning and discussion
8. Public comment
9. Action items and future agenda items
10. Adjournment

The task force may take action on any agenda item.

Public Comment: DSHS welcomes public comments pertaining to topics above. Members of the public who would like to provide public comment may choose from the following options:

1. **Oral comments provided virtually:** Members of the public must pre-register to provide oral comments virtually during the meeting by completing a Public Comment Registration Form at https://texashhsmeetings.org/SCTF_PCReg_JUN2025 no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Please mark the correct box on the Public Comment Registration Form and provide your name, either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number. Public comment is limited to three minutes. Each speaker providing oral public comments virtually must ensure their face is visible and their voice audible to the other participants while they are speaking. Each speaker must state their name and on whose behalf they are speaking (if anyone). If you pre-register to speak and wish to provide a handout before the meeting, please submit an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by HHS staff to task force members and state staff. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to newbornadvisory@dshs.texas.gov immediately after pre-registering, but no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025, and include the name of the person who will be commenting. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments or handouts. Staff will not read handouts aloud during the meeting, but handouts will be provided to task force members and state staff.
2. **Written comments:** Members of the public may provide written public comments by completing a Public Comment Registration Form at https://texashhsmeetings.org/SCTF_PCReg_JUN2025 and emailing the written comments to newbornadvisory@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Please include your name and the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments must be emailed to DSHS immediately after pre-registering and include the name of the person who will be commenting. Written comments are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments. Staff will not read written comments aloud during the meeting, but comments will be provided to task force members and state staff.
3. **Oral comments provided in-person at the meeting location:** Members of the public may provide oral public comment during the meeting in person at the meeting location either by pre-registering using the form above or without pre-registering by completing a form at the entrance to the meeting room. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments.

Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of HHSC.

Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Aimee Millangue, Newborn Screening Unit, DSHS, newbornadvisory@dshs.texas.gov, 512-939-1216.

This meeting is open to the public. No reservations are required, and there is no cost to attend this meeting.

People with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require assistive technology or services should contact Millangue, at newbornadvisory@dshs.texas.gov, or 512-939-1216 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.