

Health Sub-Committee

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



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Sub-Committee Chair:
Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

3:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Richard Wishnie, Michael Orth (remote), Samantha Banerjee, Marisha Joseph, Cheryl Brannan (remote), Nubia Martin (remote), Erika Williams (remote) and Cheryl Hunter (remote); Legislator Erika Pierce, Darianny De Los Santos and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The unique dangers faced by postpartum Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) mothers and overview on PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy

Guests:

Samantha Banerjee, Executive Director
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy

Commissioner Michael Orth
Department of Community Mental Health

Each of the guests highlighted their respective organization's initiatives to address the urgent need for compassionate, equitable healthcare and greater awareness of postpartum health, especially for Black and Indigenous women who are disproportionately affected. Ms. Banerjee's presentation was centered on critical maternal health issues, particularly the disparities faced by marginalized communities, with a strong emphasis on improving postpartum outcomes and reducing maternal and stillbirth rates. Emphasis was made on the importance of education, community support, and systemic reforms, including expanded paid family leave and provider training. In honor of Postpartum Awareness Week, the guests shared information on upcoming events to further outreach and shed light on this very

important topic.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 4:21pm.

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