

**TASKFORCE:**

# Rural Access to Care for Improving Maternal and Infant Health

Taskforce Meeting

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

- I. **Welcome** 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  
Lisa Waddell, MD, MPH  
Rural Access to Care for Improving Maternal and Infant Health Taskforce Chair
  
- II. **MUSC Programs to Address Maternal Behavioral Health** 10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  
Dawn Boender, MD  
Board certified OB/GYN, Assistant Professor, Women’s Reproductive Behavioral Health Division, Medical University of South Carolina
  
- III. **Nurturing Early Relational Health: Accessing Maternal and Infant Mental Health through Health Care Settings** 10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  
Kerrie Schnake, MA  
Chief Executive Officer, South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association  
  
Mackenzie Soniak, PsyD, IMH-E Infant Mental Health Mentor-Clinical  
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Clinical Director, South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association
  
- IV. **Maternal and Infant Health Fiscal Impact Analysis Update** 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Orgül Demet Öztürk, PhD  
James A. Morris Professor of Economics, Department Chair, Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina
  
- V. **Recommendation Development Discussion** 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Abigail Hubbard, MPH  
Health Policy Analyst, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health  
  
Justina Siuba, MPH  
Project Director, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health
  
- VI. **Lunch** 12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.



**VII. Recommendation Development Discussion** **12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.**  
Abigail Hubbard, MPH  
Health Policy Analyst, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health

Justina Siuba, MPH  
Project Director, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health

**VIII. Next Steps & Evaluation** **12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Abigail Hubbard, MPH  
Health Policy Analyst, South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health

TASKFORCE GUIDING PRINCIPLES				
Consensus	Inclusivity	Impact	Strategic Alignment	Respect

MEETING OBJECTIVES
Participants will understand how behavioral health issues impact both maternal and infant health outcomes and the relationship between behavioral health and access to care.
Participants will understand the importance of early relational health impact infants' overall health and the impact it has on access to care.
Participants will learn about current behavioral health programs and services being provided by the Reproductive Behavioral Health team at the Medical University of South Carolina.
Participants will learn about the services and programs provided by the South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association.
Participants will learn of the preliminary findings from the fiscal impact analysis being conducted through the Darla Moore School of Business.
Participants will work to reach consensus on the top recommendations that will drive the development of the 10yr Action Plan.