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Women and Children's Health Committee

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MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 11, 2021

9:30 AM via Zoom

The Women & Children's Health Committee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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I. Introductions

II. Doulas

- **Erin Jones**, March of Dimes National Director Legislative and Strategic Counsel (National overview and landscape, as well as lessons learned on Doula Care Services coverage in the United States.)
- **Jill Wodnick**, (Recent New Jersey Doula legislation that passed and some lessons learned. national doula conversations happening at the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation.)
- **Elizabeth Simmons**, and **Kara Vandegrift**, Founder and co-founder of National Doula Network. (How Florida ACA implementation and state Medicaid changes allowed for doula care services coverage in some Florida Medicaid HMO's.)

- **Cynthia Hayes**, Interdisciplinary Doula, Earth's Natural Touch: Birth Care and Beyond
- **Lucinda Canty, Ph.D., CN.M.**, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Researcher, Maternal Health Consultant
- **Gretchen Raffa**, Policy Director of Planned Parenthood Southern New England

III. Recommendations of the Work Group on Maternity, Postpartum & Well-baby Care During COVID-19-DSS

IV. New Business and Meeting Adjournment

Jill Wodnick's bio:

Jill Wodnick is a childbirth educator and policy expert who works at Montclair State University on improving maternity care. She is the mother of three teenagers and has advocated for respectful, equitable maternity care for close to twenty years. On the state level, she has worked with the Office of the First Lady's NurtureNJ Project, the New Jersey Perinatal Quality Collaborative, and the New Jersey Hospital Association, testifying at the New Jersey State Senate hearings on maternal infant health and at the New Jersey State Assembly hearings on maternal health equity. In addition, she has served as the chair for advocacy and collaboration for Lamaze International and worked with the March for Moms and Every Mother Counts on advocating for change at a federal level. Her experience as a doula and as the director of successful community doula programs has made her an expert at centering the voices of women and families from diverse backgrounds in developing policy proposals.

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Next Meeting: February 8, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Zoom