
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Women's Health Consortium.

Proposed law establishes the Women's Health Consortium (consortium) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), office on women's health and community health.

Proposed law provides for the membership of the consortium, including voting and nonvoting members.

Proposed law provides that the consortium may engage and solicit, as necessary, input, recommendations, and guidance on issues pertaining to the advancement of women's health from interested parties and stakeholders.

Proposed law provides that each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Proposed law provides that the consortium shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the governance of the consortium.

Proposed law further provides that the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to procedures and grounds for the removal of any consortium member.

Proposed law provides that each consortium member shall serve without compensation, except members may receive reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the guidelines of the entity they represent.

Proposed law requires the member from the Pennington Biomedical Research Center to serve as the initial chairperson for two years.

Proposed law further requires the consortium, after the initial two year period, to elect a new chairperson every two years.

Proposed law provides that the consortium shall elect a vice chairperson and may elect other officers, if appropriate.

Proposed law provides that the domicile of the consortium shall be in East Baton Rouge Parish; however, the consortium may hold meetings elsewhere in the state.

Proposed law requires the consortium to hold quarterly public meetings, unless otherwise voted against by the members or by order of the chairperson.

Proposed law provides the procedure the consortium to host special meetings.

Proposed law requires each member participating on the consortium to assist as needed in providing staff support.

Proposed law provides the functions of the consortium.

Proposed law requires the consortium to submit an annual written report that summarizes the activities of the consortium. Proposed law provides the time period for when the report shall be submitted and whom it shall be submitted to.

Proposed law defines "consortium", "Funding Priority Program for Women's Health Initiatives", "Interagency Women's Health Agenda", "Perimenopause", "Menopause", and "Postmenopause".

(Adds R.S. 40:1122)