



**Office of Women's Health
Steering Committee
Meeting at 11:00 am
Prattville Training Center
In-Person and Virtual
March 14, 2025**



Minutes

Attendees:

Participants in the 2025 Women's conference (114 Total)

Welcome & Visitors Recognition.....Leigh Minchew, Chair
OWH Steering Committee

Vision and Mission.....Leigh Minchew

Minutes Review and Approval.....Leigh Minchew

- Corrections to minutes included:
 - Correcting the name Honour McDaniel to Honour Hill
 - The minutes state that the Maternal Health Policy Committee has over 100 bills pre-filed. Correction states that the Alabama State Legislature has over 100 bills pre-filed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections and was approved.

New Business.....Leigh Minchew

- No new business.

Director reports.....Carolyn Miller, Director, OWH

- Carolyn Miller welcomed everyone from the 2025 Women's Conference to the Office of Women's Health (OWH)Steering Committee meeting. She provided a history of the committee and the many issues that have been addressed throughout the years.
- Carolyn announced that she would be retiring effective May 1, 2025 and that this would be her last OWH Steering Committee meeting. She thanked the committee members for their dedication and enthusiasm for helping Alabama women improve their health.

Committee Reports:

- **Women's Health Conference Committee**
 - Chair Tessa Strickland described the purpose and activities of the Women's Health Conference Committee and thanked the members of the committee for their work in planning this year's conference.
- **Wellness of Women Committee**
 - Chair Ashley Moore described the activities of the Wellness of Women Committee, including finding speakers requested throughout the state and the WHI-FI program which provides monthly health topics to incarcerated women at

Tutwiler. The WHI-FI program is currently on hold but will hopefully return in the next few months.

- **Maternal Health Policy Committee**

- Chair Honour Hill provided information on the following bills:
 - Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women who are eligible for Medicaid coverage. If passed, they would be able to receive prenatal care while waiting for Medicaid approval.
 - Maternity leave for state employees would be provided – eight weeks for females and two weeks for males.
 - Tax free sales tax for baby and prenatal/maternity products.

- **Family Planning Advisory Committee**

- Chair Leigh Minchew described how family planning materials for ADPH are reviewed, updated and approved. She thanked Jennifer Young from the Title X Family Planning Program at ADPH and all committee members for their work on reviewing the family planning materials.

Meeting adjourned by Leigh Minchew at 11:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2025