

HOPE Advisory Council**October 8, 2026**

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

CHANGE OF LOCATION TO:**State Capitol Building****House Committee Room 3****900 N. 3rd Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802**Microsoft Teams Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/259518926997278?p=thiwsjmjuYhCol1EQZj>

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Lead</u>
9:00 AM to 9:10 AM (10 min)	1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call 3. Introduction/Welcome New Members 4. Review and Approval of October 8, 2026 Agenda 5. Approval of July 2026 Minutes	Chair Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz / Dr. Melinda Williams
9:10 AM to 10:30 AM (80 min)	6. Presentations: a. Collegiate Recovery Program (9:10-9:30) b. Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) (9:30-9:50) c. Silence is Violence (9:50-10:10) d. StrongHER: Women & Addiction in Louisiana (10:10-10:30)	Adam Singer, LCSW, LAC Kerrie Redmond, MSN, RNC-OB Dr. Tamara Jackson Dr. Smita Prasad
10:30 AM to 10:45 AM (15 min)	7. General Updates a. Office of Behavioral Health A. SUD 1115 B. Project MOM b. Community Impact Group c. Healthcare Impact Group d. Public Safety Impact Group e. Other Updates	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz Missy Graves/Ardia Perkins Carrie Templeton Dr. Smita Prasad Shelley Edgerton
10:45 AM to 10:50 AM (5 min)	8. HOPE 2026 Year End Report Update	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz
10:50 AM to 10:55 AM (5 min)	9. Public Comments	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz / HOPE Council Attendees
10:55 AM to 11:00 AM (5 min)	10. Discussion and Next Steps a. Impact Workgroups: HOPE@LA.GOV b. Future presentations? c. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 14th 9:00 - 11:00 am	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz
11:00 AM	11. Adjourn Future HOPE Council Meetings for 2027 Thursday, January 14th Thursday, April 29th Thursday, July 15th Thursday, October 28th	Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz

Upon unanimous approval of the advisory council members present, the advisory council can take up a matter not on the agenda, under the authority of LSA-R.S. 42:19 – Notice of (Open) Meetings. If necessary, under the authority of LSA-R.S. 42:16-17, the public body may meet in an executive session of the taskforce; the minutes must show the reason for holding the closed meeting; and no voting or binding action will be taken in the closed session. Proxy voting is not allowed, per LSA-R.S. 42:14. This advisory council will follow the Open Meetings Law as set forth in LSA-R.S. 42:11 et seq.