



Agenda Item 7:

Panel on Maternal Health Workforce

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Panelists

- **Candice Charles, MPH**, Research and Evaluation Manager, California Coalition for Black Birth Justice
- **Sarah B. Garrett, PhD**, Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco
- **Matthew Wanta, MSN, RN**, Chair of Allied Health Department, Cerro Coso Community College
- **Colleen Townsend, MD**, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Partnership Health Plan

Discussion Questions

- From your perspective, what are the most critical maternal health workforce gaps?
- What are potential workforce solutions to help address ongoing inequities in maternal health outcomes and the growing challenges in access to maternal health care in rural and underserved communities?
- What factors exist that limit California's ability to build and sustain a maternal health workforce to serve birthing people? And what are potential solutions/opportunities to address those factors?
- How can California accelerate workforce growth, and achieve a maternal health workforce that is representative of California's diverse population and communities?
- Please share one innovation, strategy, or best practice you've seen make a meaningful impact on expanding or supporting the maternal health workforce.

Questions?