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AGENDA
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2026

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Welcome:

Virtual Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/NLUcuM5WRw6yHLMYfPyMyA#/registration

Relay Conference Captioning:
https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5978273&CustomerID=477

Communications check and acceptance of minutes

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority's (NJMIHIA) Gabrielle Louis, Doula Program Management Officer and Shellecia Smith, Doula Program Compliance Specialist

Bio:

Gabrielle Louis

NJMIHIA Doula Program Management Officer

Oversees statewide efforts to strengthen the community-based doula workforce at NJMIHIA as a certified full-spectrum doula, advancing maternal health equity for Black women and communities of color. Supports training, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement to expand access to culturally responsive, community-centered care.





DDHH Update:

- Executive Director: Elizabeth Hill

Agency Reports:

- Deaf Specialist: Melissa Lamboy
- Hard of Hearing Specialist: Lauren Weishaar
- Language Instruction Program: Carrie Pogue
- Communication Access Team: Monica Ayrer

Committee Updates:

- Communications
- Legislative
- Education

Board Open Form:

- Community Input
- New Business
- Announcements

Meeting adjournment

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