

**North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force
Perinatal Health Committee 2023-24**

Statutory Member of the Child Fatality Task Force	Seat on the Task Force held according to statute (and relevant role or area of expertise)
Dr. Sarah Verbiest [Committee Co-Chair]	Expert on Safe Infant Sleep/ Director for UNC Collaborative for Maternal & Infant Health; Director of Jordan Institute, UNC School of Social Work
Dr. Michelle Aurelius	Chief Medical Examiner/Chair, State Child Fatality Prevention Team
Senator Jim Burgin	Member of NC Senate
Representative Carla Cunningham	Member of NC House of Representatives
Tiffany Gladney	NC Child
Dr. Kelly Kimple	Dir. Maternal & Child Health/Senior Medical Director for Health Promotion, NC Title V Director, NC Division of Public Health, DHHS/Pediatrician
Dr. Martin McCaffrey	Pediatrician/Neonatologist, UNC
Senator Jim Perry	Member of NC Senate
Katherine Pope	Public Member/Nonprofit experience in child abuse and neglect prevention
Dr. Betsey Tilson	Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services/ State Health Director & Chief Medical Officer, NC DHHS/Pediatrician
Yvonne Copeland	Division of Child & Family Well-Being/Division Director
Volunteer Member	Organization and/or Area of Expertise
Belinda Pettiford [Committee Co-Chair]	Section Chief for Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section, NC Division of Public Health, NC DHHS
Amy Cubbage	NC Partnership for Children
Iris Derrick	Guardian ad Litem State Office
Dr. Narges Farahi	Family Medicine, UNC
Janice Freedman	Perinatal health program management
Dr. Hendree Jones	UNC Horizons/pregnancy and substance use specialist
Erica Little	Healthy Start Robeson
Erin McClain	UNC Collaborative for Maternal & Infant Health/expertise in infant safe sleep and perinatal tobacco use
Mark Ownbey	Home Visiting Programs, NC Division of Child & Family Wellbeing
Michaela Penix	March of Dimes
Chiara Phillips	Nutrition Services, NC Division of Child & Family Wellbeing/breastfeeding expertise
Phil Redmond	The Duke Endowment/ Director of Child & Family Well-Being
Starleen Scott Robbins	NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services; NC Pregnancy & Opioid Dependency Project
Tara Shuler	Maternal Health Branch Head, NC Division of Public Health/Doula
Diana Brown-Diaz	Wake County Health Department
Dr. Velma Taormina	NC Division of Health Benefits, NC DHHS/OBGYN
Leandra Vernon	Guilford County Health Department/FIMR Coordinator
Janiya Williams	NC A&T State University/lactation trainer
Kerry Young	State Coordinator for Local Child Fatality Prevention Teams