


# The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers & Babies

TCHMB is the Texas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PQC). PQCs are state or multistate networks of teams working to **improve the quality of care for mothers and babies**. Members of these organizations **identify health care processes** that need to be improved and use the **best available methods to make population-level changes as quickly as possible**.

## TCHMB Mission







*To advance healthcare quality, equity, and patient safety for all Texas mothers and babies through the collaboration of health and community stakeholders as informed by the voices of the patients we serve.*

### What Makes Texas Unique







 ~400,000 births annually

 10% of all births in the U.S.

### Key TCHMB Goals for Mothers and Babies

-  Reduce preterm birth
-  Reduce maternal/infant morbidity and mortality
-  Eliminate health disparities and inequities
-  Improve health outcomes using the life course approach
-  Strengthen involvement of partners/families
-  Improve the health environment for mothers and babies

### Strategies

-  High-valued quality improvement
-  Robust data system
-  Establish governance that supports stakeholder engagement
-  Disseminate effective educational content
-  Enhance collaboration with key partners
-  Involve people with lived experience

## TCHMB Initiatives



### Newborn Admission Temperature (NAT)

This project provides guidance for initial assessment and to support normothermia with minimal interventions for all infants at birth.



### Recognition and Response to Postpartum Preeclampsia in the Emergency Department (PPED)

This project seeks to help coordinate emergency care for postpartum patients experiencing signs and symptoms of postpartum preeclampsia.



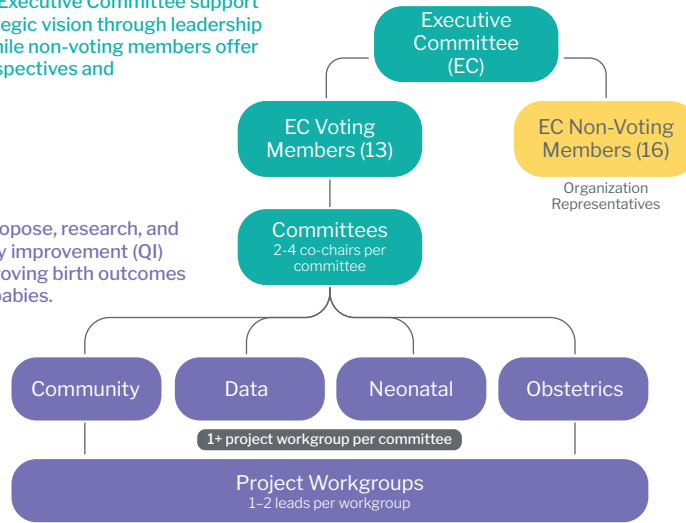
### Race Equity Workgroup

This workgroup is tasked with giving more specific attention to this area to ensure all TCHMB projects, programs, or interventions are created with a race equity lens in mind.

# TCHMB Working Structure

Voting members of the Executive Committee support the Collaborative's strategic vision through leadership and decision-making while non-voting members offer their organizations' perspectives and recommendations.

The four committees propose, research, and monitor potential quality improvement (QI) initiatives aimed at improving birth outcomes for Texas mothers and babies.



### Committee Members:

- 22 Perinatal Care Region (PCR) representatives and 3 additional members
- Community & Data: elected and appointed members with expertise
- Neonatal & OB: 22 Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Perinatal Care Region (PCR) Representatives and organization reps

**Workgroup Members** are nominated by the workgroup leads and approved by the committee.

# Collaborative Timeline



# TCHMB Annual Summit

The annual TCHMB Summit brings together professionals, experts, and advocates from across the perinatal healthcare spectrum to inspire significant improvements in maternal and infant healthcare and health outcomes.



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