

MINUTES
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
March 10, 2026

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2026, virtually via web conference. The minimum number of council members required by law was present in room 387 of the RSA Union building at 100 North Union Street in Montgomery, Alabama.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman, Elaine Beech (In Person)
James Clements
Terri Connell
Mark Edwards (In Person)
Barbara Estep (In Person)
Keith Granger (In Person)
Dean Griffin
Bert Guy
David Hunt
Honorable Stephanie Kemmer

Carey McRae
Senator Tim Melson
Don Owens
Simeon Penton (In Person)
Dr. Carol Ratcliffe
Danny Rickert
J. Tuerk Schlesinger
Dr. Mickey Trimm
Hodges Washington (1:41 pm)
Gregg Waycaster

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Frank Brown
Brenda Carlisle
Ralph Clark
Mayor Harold Crouch
Representative Jeremy Gray

Marcilla Gross
Dare Underwood Meeks
Dr. Wilburn Smith
Mark Traylor
Dr. Scott Harris

SHPDA STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director
MCs. Toni Ferguson
Ms. Teresa Lee
Ms. Kristin F. Norman
Ms. Melissa Trehern
Mr. Bradford L. Williams

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Mark Wilkerson, Esq.

COURT REPORTER PRESENT

Erica Petix

A copy of the register of attendees is on file in the office of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

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Chairman Elaine Beech called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm. Mrs. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum. Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Barbara Estep motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Keith Granger. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting. Mr. Keith Granger motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mark Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chairman Beech welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

New Business

Mr. Bradford Williams updated the SHCC on the progress of the Hospital Committee and its work on adding language to include Rural Emergency Hospital transfer requirements, explaining that work has been performed on the proposed language to include criteria and processes in Rural Emergency Hospital transfers. After all questions and comments were addressed, Chairman Beech requested an update from the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Executive Director Emily Marsal updated the SHCC on the Rural Health Transformation Program and its current handling by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). After all questions and comments were addressed, Chairman Beech opened the floor for any additional comments. No items were brought up from the members.

Chairman Beech announced that the next meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will be held in June 2026.

There being no further business, Chairman Beech called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Simeon Penton motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Barbara Estep. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

PREPARED BY:

Toni Ferguson

Date

APPROVED:

Chairman Elaine Beech

Date