

PLIDA Education Committee

As Chair of the new PLIDA Education committee, I would like to introduce myself and this exciting and vital committee.

My name is Summer Hepler, MSN, RN, SNM and I have been Chair for this committee since Spring of 2021. I have served in many different roles in PLIDA since I joined in 2013, but as an OB nurse, Bereavement Coordinator, Nurse Educator, and soon-to-be Certified Nurse Midwife, I find that this committee is where my heart is. Education is such an essential aspect in the growth of evidence-based practices, research, and awareness and to be part of the dissemination of that information not only the perinatal loss community, but also society, is an absolutely amazing opportunity both myself and all the members of this committee.

The PLIDA Education Committee would invite you to consider joining our interdisciplinary team. The committee has varying opportunities to fit your expertise, experience, and interests. As well your time commitment abilities. The committee is responsible for providing best practice education, monitors new research, research studies and more. To ensure those caring for families have the best most current information available to them. The education committee has many additional opportunities including the writing and vetting of perinatal bereavement position statements. In addition, the PLIDA education committee has multiple collaborations and partnership, such as The Fetal Therapy Nurses Network, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, Star Legacy, and The International Marcee Society for Mental Health.

The Education Committees looking for those with experience and or interest in the following.

Sub-Groups

Proposal Review

Review submitted educational proposals for conferences, webinars, and any other educational offering.

Research and Resources

Monitor latest quality perinatal research and resource to share with membership and archive on website

Hot off the Press

Share with membership important articles that would be of benefit to PLIDA members.

Webinars

Assist with facets of webinar planning to include webinar topic selection, collaborations, and presenter recommendations.

Moderators

Webinar and Conference

Assist webinars and conference presentations as moderator and liaison



Facebook

Small group of clinicians who monitors FB to encourage engagement and community. To include interesting articles that are not journal articles, but perhaps in the news. The FB group is a closed group of PLIDA membership. The monitors determine approval or declination based on identified criteria. Should the FB post need a clinical best practice answer it would be sent to the Ask PLIDA team to ensure accuracy and our integrity as a trusted organization.

Research Study Requests

Evaluate and vet research study requests via identified process for quality and integrity to share with membership.

Ask PLIDA

Ask PLIDA is the portal for best practice clinical questions. Ask PLIDA is not open to general membership as this is an invited role based on extensive knowledge and expertise in perinatal bereavement.

Collaborations

Involvement working on defined projects

- FTNN- Fetal Therapy Nurses Network
- International Marc'e Society for Perinatal Mental Health
- Star Legacy

If you have any of the experience, interest, and or skills noted above we would welcome your participation and addition to the team. Even if you just getting your toes wet in this area, we invite you to be part of this committee. The committee will be made up of those with more experience than others and we all work and learn together.

Application available here: https://www.plida.org/volunteer