

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 12, 2015**  
**09:00 A.M.**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board held a public meeting on June 12, 2015, beginning at approximately 9:05 A.M. at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 204  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Health Care Quality and Compliance  
4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

AT&T Conferencing  
Dial-in Toll-Free Number 1-877-336-1831  
Participants Code 4756895

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bonnie Sorenson, Chair, RN, BSN  
Veronica (Roni) Galas, Vice-Chair, Carson  
City Health and Human Services  
(CCHHS)  
Tyree Davis, DDS, Nevada Health Centers  
Fred Schultz, Founder and CEO of  
Foundation for Positively Kids  
Lisa Lottritz, Public Health Nursing  
Supervisor, Washoe County Health  
Department  
Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel  
Amanda Spletter, Medical Case Manager,  
Clark County Department of Family  
Services (CCDFS)

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Senator Patricia Farley  
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD, University  
of Nevada School of Medicine

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT**

Beth Handler, Deputy Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child Family and Community Wellness  
(BCFCW)  
Andrea Rivers, Section Manager, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH), BCFCW  
Laura Valentine, Title V/MCH Program Manager, MCAH, BCFCW  
Evelyn Dryer, Grant Manager, Home Visiting, MCAH, BCFCW  
Ingrid Mburia, Health Program Specialist, MCH Epidemiology, BCFCW  
Sarah Demuth, Health Program Officer, Adolescent Health, BCFCW  
Jessica Lamb, Health Program Specialist, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion  
(CDPHP), BCFCW  
Cailey Hardy, Administrative Assistant, MCAH, BCFCW  
Melissa Slayden, Management Analyst, Office of Public Health Informatics and  
Epidemiology, DPBH  
Debra Vieyra, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Coordinator, MCAH

Jennifer Quihuis, Management Analyst, MCAH, BCFCW  
Laura Hale, Primary Care Office Manager, DPBH  
Eileen Hough, Adolescent Health Program Specialist, MCAH, BCFCW  
Yucui Liu, Health Resource Analyst, Home Visiting, MCAH, BCFCW  
Christine Caufield, School Health Program Coordinator, DPBH  
Sandra Ochoa, Biostatistician, Women Infant and Children, DPBH  
Kathryn Newman, Health and Human Services Trainee, DPBH  
Deborah Aquino, Oral Health Program Manager, BCFCW

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Noah Kohn, MD Clinical Facility Development  
Michelle Gorelow, March of Dimes  
Melinda Hoskins, Public  
Jenni Bonk, Nevada Medicaid, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
Melanie Kauffman, Executive Director, Family TIES of Nevada  
Elisa Cafferata, President CEO, Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates  
Sam Scott, Sunrise Children's Foundation  
Heidi Parker, Immunize Nevada

Chair Bonnie Sorenson called the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Sorenson indicated the meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

**1. Roll call and introductions**

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board was present.

**2. Vote on minutes from the February 6, 2015 meeting**

Chair Bonnie Sorenson asked if there were any corrections to the draft minutes from the February 6, 2015 meeting.

**CHAIR SORENSON ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. TYREE DAVIS. VICE CHAIR VERONICA GALAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELLEN SPIEGEL ABSTAINED.**

**3. Discussion and recommendations regarding 2015 Legislation pertinent to Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board**

Assemblywoman Spiegel spoke regarding the unfortunate outcome of the bill for lactating workers not getting a vote in the assembly. Assemblywoman Spiegel explained the importance of the bill, and recommended continuous work to pass the bill during the next legislative session. Chair Bonnie Sorenson recommended to provide further education on the importance of the bill and a letter of support from the MCHAB could be beneficial.

#### 4. Discussion and recommendation regarding preliminary report for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Exhibit A)

Ingrid Mburia provided a presentation outlining of the block grant application. The Block grant will be available online for public view and comment on the DPBH website after the July 15, 2015 submission date.

Ms. Mburia explained Title V has undergone a transformation known as MCH 3.0, this has initiated the development of a new five year action plan. Transformation of Title V included reducing the required reporting of national standards from 18 national standards to eight (8). Title V MCH Services pyramid has also been reduced from four (4) tiers to three (3) tiers of services. The new services pyramid helps distinguish between direct reimbursable, non-reimbursable primary and preventative health care services and public health services benefiting MCH populations.

The Title V Needs Assessment's main goal is to engage stakeholders and partners to help identify MCH priorities, strengths, challenges and gaps as well as any recommendations to address the challenges and evaluate Title V program capacity.

The Needs Assessment process began with establishing a Steering Committee to help guide and implement the process. Both qualitative and quantitative data were collected in multiple ways. The Needs Assessment will be used in the Title V Block Grant application.

Development and Implementation of Five-Year State Action Plan (**attachment one**). Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) expects the State to keep revising the action plan as needed. This plan shows the continuation of the action plan throughout the year. Ms. Mburia informed the members Nevada's MCH Priority Needs (**attachment two**) shows the eight (8) priorities each partner and stakeholder decided was a critical need to address. Part of the criteria while choosing the eight (8) priorities was to be in alignment with the National Performance Measures and the National Outcome Measures as well as Nevada had to have local or state capacity to be able to address the particular priority. HRSA requires evidence-based or informed strategies to address the priorities which was taken into consideration while choosing these priorities. Ms. Mburia explained the most current statistics of the Priority Needs chosen.

Vice Chair Veronica Galas asked which of the proposed priorities were not selected. Ms. Mburia responded she will provide the list to the board members.

Chair Bonnie Sorenson asked what steps will be taken in the first year of the plan. Ms. Mburia informed the members the first year's plan is to implement the objectives and strategies outlined in the action plan. She also stated focus groups did ask stakeholders for input for the best objectives and strategies. Vice Chair Galas asked, within the priorities selected, if we show improvement, can the priorities be changed at any point in time to add objectives with a greater need for improvement. Ms. Mburia informed the members HRSA is giving states flexibility, if Nevada realizes there is a greater need than the ones that are now selected, Nevada is able to change the objectives or strategies based on the need in Nevada.

The agenda item was open for public comment. Michelle Gorelow asked, with the current statistics, what are the goals in five years. Ms. Mburia informed members there are goals which are referred to as annual objectives. These objectives have been developed in the same criteria as Healthy People 2020 to project the five year performance measures and will become available once the Block Grant is submitted. Ms. Mburia mentioned there is the opportunity to develop two more priorities which can be closely aligned to the State performance measures and can be developed next year or within the five (5) years.

## **5. Reports**

Andrea Rivers informed the members of current staffing changes: Laura Valentine has been hired on as the new Title V Program Manager. Ms. Rivers also thanked Deborah Aquino for her support of the MCH program as the prior manager. Ms. Aquino has taken the position of the Oral Health Program Manager. Vickie Ives was previously the Maternal and Infant Health Program Coordinator and has taken another position within DPBH. Ms. Rivers recognized Ms. Ives work within MCH. Vice Chair Veronica Galas asked if there are analytical updates regarding the Sober Mom Healthy Baby Campaign and if there was any feedback from the public. Ms. Rivers informed the members an email would be sent out to members regarding an analytical update. There has been minimal feedback, all feedback has been positive. Vice Chair Galas also questioned, with a recent survey released by Canada regarding a risk reduction of sexual assault in the college age, if the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program was aware of this survey. Ms. Rivers informed the members the program will review the particular survey released. Ms. Rivers added, if the members are inclined, a presentation from the RPE Program regarding activities and efforts and concerning outreach to colleges, high schools and middle schools can be provided at the next MCHAB meeting.

## **6. Discussion and review of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board Bylaws**

Andrea Rivers explained the updates in the bylaws include updating the Divisions name change from the Health Division to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. Ms. Rivers also informed the members the bylaws include an update regarding members selecting a proxy and the bylaws reflecting changes pursuant to NRS 241.025. Dr. Tyree Davis asked if there was a timeframe for the State Board of Health to appoint a proxy and if the timeframe should be included in the bylaws. Members discussed if the specific number of six (6) members listed in the bylaws should be changed to a majority to constitute a quorum. It was requested to research if the attendance of legislative members contributes to the constitution a quorum, in accordance to the bylaws legislative members are not considered voting members. Ms. Rivers informed the members those topics would need to be further researched in order to determine if they are pursuant to Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chair Bonnie Sorenson requested this agenda item to be held at the next MCHAB meeting for voting.

**VICE CHAIR VERONICA GALAS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CURRENT CHANGES MADE IN THE BYLAWS REFLECTING THE DIVISIONS NAME CHANGE AND THE PROXY CHANGE PURSUANT TO NRS 241.025. DR. TYREE DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**7. Discussion and recommendation regarding consideration of new appointees, and/or to renew expiring terms for MCHAB members. Recommendations will be submitted to the Nevada State Board of Health (BOH) for appointment.**

Chair Bonnie Sorenson opened this agenda item up for discussion between the board members indicating there is a total of eight (8) candidates. Dr. Tyree Davis requested the candidates present have the opportunity to speak to the MCHAB members. Melinda Hoskins, gave an introduction informing the members she is a nurse midwife, lactation consultant, serving as the president for Nevada Affiliate for Nurse Midwives, owns a small private practice located in Minden and has been a resident in Nevada since 1986. Ms. Hoskins also taught at University of Nevada, Reno School of Nursing for seven years. Dr. Noah Kohn also presented at the meeting. Dr. Kohn informed members he trained at the University of Virginia Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, moved to Las Vegas and started a private practice for four years, then opened the Children's Free Clinic of Southern Nevada which was the first clinic in the area to provide free services. Dr. Kohn has also served on several advisory committees. Chair Sorenson explained the luxury for the board to have so many interested candidates to choose from. Amanda Spletter questioned the length of her term and suggested there would then be three (3) available spots on the board after her term expires on June 30, 2015.

**LISA LOTTRITZ MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DR. NOAH KOHN FOR ONE OF THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS ON THE MCHAB. DR. TYREE DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**DR. TYREE DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MELINDA HOSKINS FOR THE SECOND AVAILABLE POSITION ON THE MCHAB. LISA LOTTRITZ SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**VICE CHAIR VERONICA GALAS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT FATIMA TAYLOR ON THE MCHAB TO FULFILL AMANDA SPLETTER'S POSITION AFTER MS. SPLETTER'S TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015. DR. TYREE DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**8. Discuss and recommend agenda items for the next scheduled meeting August 7, 2015**

Chair Bonnie Sorenson requested to have an update regarding the Rape Prevention and Education Program. Chair Sorenson also suggested to have further updates on the priorities of the MCH Block Grant. Bylaws will also be reviewed with the information researched regarding quorum.

**9. Public Comment**

Michelle Gorelow mentioned doing a presentation for the MCHAB on the Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (COIIN) to Reduce Infant Mortality following the stakeholders meeting in July.

Melinda Hoskins mentioned the Board of Health (BOH) is examining birthing center regulations to revise the regulations for allowance for facilitation of nurse midwives ownership and to administer centers. Ms. Hoskins requested to give a brief presentation next

meeting on how the birth centers can benefit Nevada. Chair Bonnie Sorenson requested this be added to next meeting's agenda.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.