

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 5, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**  
**APPROVED**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on August 5, 2022, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Linda Gabor, MSN, RN  
Fatima Taylor, M.Ed., CPM  
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD  
Keith Brill, MD  
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN, CNM,  
IBCLC  
Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, C-FMC

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Fred Schultz  
Noah Kohn, MD  
Lora Carlson, BSN, RNC-OB, C-FMC  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Assemblywoman Claire Thomas

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

Vickie Ives, MA, Deputy Bureau Chief, Child Family and Community Wellness (CFCW)  
Tami Conn, Section Manager, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Section, CFCW  
Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, Program Manager, Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH), MCAH, CFCW  
Jazmin Stafford, Program Coordinator, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, MCAH, CFCW  
Perry Smith, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW  
Desiree Wenzel, Administrative Assistant III, Office Manager, MCAH, CFCW  
Rhonda Buckley, Administrative Assistant II, EHDI, MCAH, CFCW  
Elli Komito, MPH, Program Coordinator, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), MCAH, CFCW  
Rebecca Clark, Program Coordinator, Account for Family Planning, MCAH, CFCW  
Sarah Jane Smith, MPH, MA, Health Equity Project Manager, MCAH, CFCW  
Taliman Afroz, PhD, State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) Manager, MCAH, CFCW  
Eileen Hough, MPH, Adolescent Health and Wellness Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW  
Cassius Adams, MSHCD, Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW  
Samm Warfel, Program Coordinator, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), MCAH, CFCW  
Anastasia Cadwallader, MBA, Contracted Grants & Project Analyst I, MCAH, CFCW  
Allison Gonzalez, MD/MPH, RPE Health Resource Analyst, DPBH  
Tierra Sears, Administrative Assistant II, DPBH, CFCW  
Stephanie Camacho, Administrative Assistant IV, DPBH, CFCW

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Hayley Owens, Management Analyst IV, Supervisor, Child and Family Services Unit, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Elizabeth Kessler, MPH, Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE)  
Surveillance Manager, OPHIE, DPBH

Savannah Law, Disease Control Specialist, OPHIE, DPBH

Carla DeSisto, PhD, MPH, Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Janice Enriquez, APRN, UNLV School of Nursing, Student, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Marcia O'Malley Project Coordinator, Family Navigation Network, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities, University of Nevada, Reno

### **1. Call to Order- Roll Call and Introductions- Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair**

Chair Linda Gabor called the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the MCHAB was present.

Desiree Wenzel requested that attendees identify themselves in the Microsoft Teams chat box.

### **2. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of draft minutes from the Maternal Child Health Advisory Board meeting on May 6, 2022– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN; Chair**

**DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2021, MEETING MINUTES. DR. KEITH BRILL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No Public Comment.

### **3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible approval of Updated Maternal Child Health Advisory Board Committee Bylaws – Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair**

Chair Gabor stated the vote is to update the MCHAB Committee Bylaws to align with changes made to the relevant Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) during the 81<sup>st</sup> legislative session.

Assembly Bill (AB) 287 codified changes to gender neutral language resulted in wording changes in the objectives of the MCHAB as set forth in NRS 442.137. Under Article 2, the purpose and objectives on objective number 12 changed the word *mothers* to *persons who are pregnant and giving birth or have given birth*.

**Chair Gabor conducted a vote on the motion to approve the changes to the MCHAB Bylaws.**

**THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS WAS APPROVED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE WITH FOUR MEMBERS VOTING TO APPROVE AND TWO (DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN AND MELINDA HOSKINS) ABSTAINING. CHAIR GABOR STATED THE MOTION PASSED.**

**[Sic.; this agenda item will need to be heard on the next meeting agenda as initial motion and a second were not voiced].**

No Public Comment.

**4. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Levels of Care Assessment Tool (LOCATe) – Janice Enriquez, APRN, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Nursing, Student, Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Janice Enriquez presented her project utilizing the CDC Levels of Care Assessment Tool (LOCATe) and progress with implementation in Nevada. Ms. Enriquez is using the LOCATe tool to calculate the rate of risk-appropriate care in Nevada and identify disparities in risk-appropriate care in Nevada. The guidelines for these levels of care are set by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and have been embraced by many states. The project has currently been approved by UNLV Institutional Review Board (IRB) and contact information has been obtained for three of the eighteen Nevada hospitals. Ms. Enriquez stated she is still seeking contact information from other interested hospitals. Ms. Enriquez stated she is planning to submit data to CDC for calculation in October, and to share final results with participants by December 23, 2022.

Dr. Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan asked if there has been any challenge in getting information from University Medical Center. Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated she can assist with providing that information.

Katie Hackler asked if Ms. Enriquez needed contact information for the Northern Nevada Hospitals?

Ms. Enriquez stated she has the information for Renown Health from Lora Carlson, but she does not have other hospital information.

Ms. Hackler stated she will send contact information for Carson-Tahoe Regional Medical Center.

No Public Comment.

**5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Presentation and possible recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding Maternal and Child Health (MCH) COVID-19 Data and Resources – Hayley Owens, Management Analyst IV, Supervisory, Child and Family Services Unit, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

Hayley Owens presented up to date COVID-19 statistics, as well as data relevant MCH populations. Ms. Owens mentioned data in the presentation are subject to change. Ms. Owens shared that most data are available for public view on the COVID-19 data dashboard, which is updated weekly at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov>.

Kagan Griffin read a question in the comment chat box from Marcia O'Malley. The question was is there data that breaks down information for individuals who have disabilities?

Ms. Owens stated she did not believe data is publicly reported on this topic. Ms. Owens stated she will check and provide an answer over email to Ms. Griffin.

No Public Comment

**6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Updates and possible recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) – Tami Conn, MCAH Section Manager, DPBH**

Tami Conn presented the AIM and MMRC updates. Ms. Conn stated the MMRC has met one time in 2022 and has a meeting scheduled for later in August. Ms. Conn stated the MMRC plans to meet one more time this year, with the possibility of meeting twice. Ms. Conn stated there is an opening for a MMRC member and provided contact information if interested in applying. Ms. Conn stated for AIM there are six birthing facilities and one acute care facility enrolled to start the fall Hypertension Bundle implementation.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked if University Medical Center is enrolled as an AIM hospital?

Ms. Conn asked Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan to contact her personally to discuss University Medical Center's AIM status.

No Public Comment

**7. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on the Congenital Syphilis Review Board – Elizabeth Kessler, MPH, Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE) Surveillance Manager, OPHIE, DPBH, and Savannah Law, Disease Control Specialist, OPHIE, DPBH**

Savannah Law presented information on congenital syphilis (CS) including education on the definition of CS, diagnosis, treatment, and the increasing number of cases in Nevada.

Elizabeth Kessler presented the methodology used for case review boards and provided updates on the implementation of a CS case review board in Nevada. Ms. Kessler also provided preliminary CS Review Board findings, including the common themes of unstable housing, lack of childcare, transportation issues, substance use, and difficulty making time to attend appointments in many CS cases.

Ms. Griffin stated there is a statewide CS Action Plan that was developed in 2020 that will be updated in the fall to include details of the CS Review Board. Findings from the CS Review Board will be utilized to update other items within the action plan.

Ms. Ives stated DPBH is in the final stages of hiring a specialized epidemiologist in partnership with CDC to continue the work that MCH has done around CS and convening state partners across the Department of Health and Human Services in updating the action plan.

Chair Gabor read a comment from the chat box. Ms. O'Malley asked about how the CS Review Board mirrors the population and demographics of the population served. Ms. O'Malley asked if there are individuals who have experienced syphilis participating in the program.

Ms. Kessler stated they do not ask specifically if someone has syphilis, but they are mindful of recruiting members to mirror population demographics.

Chair Gabor read a comment from the chat box. Fatima Taylor asked if the state action plan includes interventions and resources for addressing the developmental needs of infants with a CS diagnosis.

Ms. Griffin stated MCH engaged with Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) and Early Intervention Services to discuss support services available for infants diagnosed with CS.

No Public Comment

**8. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on MCH Reports and MCH Updates– Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, Title V MCH Program Manager, MCAH, DPBH**

Ms. Griffin presented updates on the Title V MCH Program. Ms. Griffin introduced Samm Warfel as the new RPE Coordinator and Marcia O'Malley as the new Title V Family Representative. Ms. Griffin provided updates on needs assessment work being done with University of Nevada, Reno.

No Public Comment

**9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Presentation and possible recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding highlights of the Title V MCH Block Grant Application and Report on Federally Available Data (FAD) – Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, Title V MCH Program Manager, MCAH, DPBH**

Ms. Griffin presented the updated Federally Available Data (FAD) used in Title V MCH reporting. The FAD is provided by the Maternal Child Health Bureau to assist states in reporting Title V National Outcome Measures and National Performance Measures. Ms. Griffin presented on positive and negative data trends for Nevada and provided comparisons to the national data.

No Public Comment

**10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Make recommendations for future agenda items – Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair**

Chair Gabor stated for future meetings she would like to have progress updates on LOCATe in a year and progress updates on the Congenital Syphilis Review Board. Chair Gabor stated she did not have any recommendations for the meeting in November.

No Public Comment

**Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.**