

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 12, 2022
3:00 PM

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on January 12, 2022, beginning at 3:00 P.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Gabor (Linda) MSN, RN
Tyree G. Davis, D.D.S
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN, CNM, IBCLC
Fatima Taylor, MEd, CPM
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD
Keith Brill, MD
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop
Noah Kohn, MD
Fred Schultz

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

Vickie Ives, MA, Deputy Bureau Chief, Child Family and Community Wellness (CFCW)
Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, Program Manager, Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH), Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH), CFCW
Evelyn Dryer, Program Manager, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), MCAH, CFCW
Jazmin Sarmiento, Program Coordinator, Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP), MCAH, CFCW
Desiree Wenzel, Administrative Assistant III, Office Manager, MCAH, CFCW
Amber Hise, RD, Program Coordinator, Maternal and Infant Health Program, MCAH, CFCW
Elli Komito, Program Coordinator, MIECHV, MCAH, CFCW
Cynthia Burboa, MPH, Program Coordinator, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), MCAH, CFCW
Rebecca Clark, Program Coordinator, Account for Family Planning, MCAH, CFCW
Thomas Fletcher, Management Analyst II, MCAH, CFCW
Perry Smith, Program Coordinator, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI), MCAH, CFCW

OTHERS PRESENT

Tracy Williams, Nevada Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (NvLEND) Trainee

Jennifer Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

1. Call to Order/roll call-Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Linda Gabor called the January 12th meeting to order at 3:22 P.M.

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

2. Public Comment

Public Comment - None

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of draft minutes from the Maternal Child Health Advisory Board meeting on May 7, 2021; and the MCHAB Subcommittee meeting on April 9, 2021– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Gabor stated that the MCHAB Subcommittee meeting minutes from April 9, 2021, were approved at the May 7, 2021, meeting and did not need to be approved again.

MELINDA HOSKINS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2021, MEETING MINUTES. FATIMA TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. 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-Jennifer Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, DHHS

Jennifer Thompson presented the data which is available in the meeting packet.

Chair Gabor asked if updated data on maternal deaths due to COVID-19 could be provided.

Ms. Thompson stated the number of mothers who had a confirmed positive COVID-19 test within fourteen (14) days of delivery in 2020 were two hundred fifty-eight (258). In 2021, it was three hundred (300). The number of mothers who had a COVID-19 vaccine prior to delivery was 1,756 in 2021. The number of mothers who died from COVID-19 not at the time of birth was five (5) total in the state in 2021, and zero (0) in 2020.

Vickie Ives stated the data will be sent out to the listserv after the meeting.

No Public Comment

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Updates and possible recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) regarding the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) -Vickie Ives, MA, Deputy Bureau Chief

Ms. Ives presented on the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) project in Nevada. Ms. Ives stated there are currently six (6) birthing hospitals interested in participating. Ms. Ives mentioned the goal is to reach all birthing hospitals statewide. AIM is partnering with the University of Nevada, Reno, on the Project ECHO platform to offer continuing education and opportunities to share data around maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. Ms. Ives stated this will be in relation to the hypertension patient safety bundle, which will be the preliminary bundle launched by the Nevada AIM team. Ms. Ives stated these opportunities will be shared widely, including the listserv of the Board. Ms. Ives mentioned a state half-time Nurse Abstractor was hired to support the case abstraction for the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC). She stated Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality (ERASE MM) funding was awarded to support efforts of the MMRC. This funding was previously applied for from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support the work of the MMRC in 2019, but funding was not received at the time. Ms. Ives stated the Interim Finance Committee process to get permission to bring those funds into the budget account has been completed and noted this is a multi-year award and is in addition to a partnership with the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program around a CDC Disparity Grant. This funding will allow for family and friends of those lost to maternal mortality to be interviewed to obtain information for the MMRC around social determinants of health and some key aspects which might not necessarily be reflected in the medical data being abstracted.

Keith Brill, MD, stated he is glad to have six (6) out of the seventeen (17) hospitals. Dr. Brill stated after the meeting he will communicate with Ms. Ives to try and see if the current American College of Obstetricians (ACOG) officers in Nevada to make sure they know about this project. Dr. Brill stated he could try to get people from the North and South to help make sure labor floors know about the program.

Ms. Ives thanked the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board for their support over the whole process and their written support for the creation of the MMRC.

No Public Comment

6. INFORMATIONAL: Discussion of Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program – Perry Smith, Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program Coordinator, MCAH, DPBH

Perry Smith provided a presentation which is available in the meeting packet.

No Public Comment

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

Ms. Griffin highlighted key points related to the MCH updates.

Ms. Gabor stated she is excited about the recognition of the Washoe County Health District Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) program by the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention in their June newsletter. Washoe County Health District FIMR was recognized for advocating for children and pregnant women during the COVID-19 pandemic. The newsletter noted how FIMR promoted access to information for providers and patients to prevent delays in care for pregnant women. Provider offices ran public service agreements encouraging women to continue to seek prenatal care during the pandemic and provided information about the latest developments of COVID-19.

No Public Comment

8. 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 Federally Available Data (FDA) – Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, Title V MCH Program Manager, MCAH, DPBH

Ms. Griffin provided a presentation which is available in the meeting packet.

No Public Comment

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

Ms. Gabor stated she would be interested in hearing more about the congenital syphilis review board. The first meeting was on December 10, 2021, and it would be of interest especially since it was one of the items the Board supported through the legislative subcommittee last year.

Ms. Gabor stated she would also like to learn more about equitable, inclusive language and any changes over time and learning more about how best to talk about things using person first non-stigmatizing language would be helpful and invited other Board members to provide feedback. There was no feedback from the Board members regarding adding this topic to the next agenda.

Elli Komito, Program Coordinator for the Nevada Home Visiting Program, stated the Home Visiting Program has been working on the issue and would appreciate seeing the Board go this route, especially with gender neutralizing the language used around parenting and around birth because not everyone who can get pregnant identifies as a female and not everybody who is pregnant is in a heterosexual relationship or any relationship. Using terminology instead of mother such as parent and instead using birthing person is more inclusive. Elli Komito stated this kind of language shift is most likely to have a broad impact if it starts at the government level.

Chair Gabor stated there is a nine (9) hour cultural competency training through the University of

Nevada, Reno, and stated the benefit of learning more about person first and more inclusive language use. Ms. Gabor stated she understands there are equity guides through the CDC and those could be sent out to the group, as well.

Ms. Griffin stated the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Section promotes the CDC equity guide to partners. Ms. Griffin stated the CDC equity guide can be sent to the listserv after the meeting.

Chair Gabor asked for any additional comments.

No Public Comment.

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of MCHAB meeting dates for 2022-Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

- **May 6, 2022, 9:00 A.M.**
- **August 5, 2022, 9:00 A.M.**
- **November 4, 2022, 9:00 A.M.**

MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN, MD ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MCHAB MEETING DATES FOR 2022. MELINDA HOSKINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 P.M.