

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
December 16, 2022
9:00 AM**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on December 16, 2022, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Gabor (Linda), MSN, RN
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD
Keith Brill, MD
Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, CGN
Lora Carlson, BSN, RNC-OB, C-FMC

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN, CNM, IBCLC
Fred Schultz
Noah Kohn, MD
Fatima Taylor, M.Ed., CPM
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, MPH, 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
Rhonda Buckley, Administrative Assistant II, EHDI, MCAH, CFCW
Elli Komito, MPH, Program Coordinator, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), 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, Maternal and Infant Health Program Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW
Chayna Corpuz, MPH, Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program Officer I, MCAH, CFCW
Cortnee Scurry, MSW, Contracted Maternal Mortality Review Committee MSW
Tierra Sears, Administrative Assistant II, DPBH, CFCW
Lisa Light, Accounting Assistant III, Immunization Program and MCAH, CFCW

OTHERS PRESENT

Ghasi Phillips-Bell, ScD, MS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) MCH Epidemiology Assignee to Nevada

Praseetha Balakrishnan, MS, Biostatistician II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Marcia O'Malley Project Coordinator, Family Navigation Network (FNN), Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED), University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)

Denise Tanata, J.D., ECCS Director, The Children's Cabinet

Jennifer Vanderlaan, PhD, MPH, CNM, FNP, Assistant Professor, UNLV School of Nursing

Kelly Verling, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Washoe County Health District (WCHD)

Jamelle Nance, Strong Start Prenatal-to-Three Director, Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA)

Jeanette Belz, Belz & Case Government Affairs, CAA

Eilish Kelderman, LMSW, Coordinator, FNN, NCED, UNR

Katharyn Reece, MHL, BSN, RN, CEN, Clinical Services Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services

April Cruda, MPH, Program Officer II, Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOHME), DHHS, Director's Office

Abigail Hatefi, Health Program Specialist I, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency, DHHS

John Packham, PhD, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives, Co-Director, Nevada Health Workforce Research Center

Joyce Abeng, MPH, Public Health Diversity Advisor, Larson Institute, UNR School of Public Health

Logan Gallaway, Contracted Economist II, Office of Analytics, DHHS

Lisa Lottritz, MPH, RN, Division Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, WCHD

Tina Dortch, MPA, Program Manager, NOHME, DHHS, Director's Office

Tori Diego, Program Manager, Nevada Statewide Maternal and Child Health Coalition

Veronica Galas, Division Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services

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

Chair Linda Gabor called the December 16, 2022, meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

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

Kagan Griffin requested 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 August 5, 2022– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN; Chair

MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN, MD, ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 5, 2022, MEETING MINUTES. KEITH BRILL, MD, 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 81st Legislative Session. Chair Gabor explained the vote taken at the August 5, 2022, meeting was not conducted according to proper procedure, so a new motion to conduct a vote is needed.

Assembly Bill (AB) 287 of the 81st Legislative Session changed to relevant NRS to gender neutral language, and those changes were codified, resulting to wording changes in the objectives of the MCHAB as set forth in NRS 442.137. Under Article 2 (two) of the MCHAB Bylaws, the purpose and objectives on objective number 12 (twelve) change the word mothers to persons who are pregnant and giving birth or have given birth.

DR. BRILL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO VOTE ON UPDATING THE MCHAB COMMITTEE BYLAWS TO ALIGN WITH CHANGES MADE TO THE RELEVANT NRS DURING THE 81ST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. LORA CARLSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible recommendations regarding consideration of new appointees and/or to renew expiring terms for MCHAB members. Recommendations will be submitted to the Administrator for consideration of submission to the Nevada State Board of Health for consideration of renewal appointment – Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Gabor stated she would like to have a discussion regarding attendance at MCHAB meetings. Chair Gabor asked Ms. Griffin to read the relevant section of the MCHAB Bylaws. Ms. Griffin read Article III (Board Requirements) Section A (Membership) of the MCHAB Bylaws: “Each member is expected to actively participate in a majority of the meetings and participate in assigned tasks. The MCH Advisory Board may, after discussion, request a member to resign due to two absences without cause.”

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked to what period of time the two absences without cause referred.

Ms. Griffin stated the Bylaws do not specify, but is most likely for the term of a member.

Vickie Ives asked if it would be helpful to copy the Bylaws into the chat, along with the scope of the role of the Board and the list of Board members to assist in discussion.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked if the screen could be shared instead with the Bylaws pulled up.

Ms. Griffin shared the Bylaws on her screen.

Chair Gabor stated the MCHAB has experienced not having quorum for meetings which negatively impacts the schedules of many people. Chair Gabor stated she would like to hear discussion from Board members regarding attendance and if frequent absences of some Board members affects their ability to perform MCHAB duties.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated her support that a Board member should be expected to be an active participant on the Board. Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked how an absence needs to be documented in order to be considered with cause and if a conflicting meeting would be considered with cause?

Ms. Griffin stated a conflicting meeting would be considered with cause, and that letting Ms. Griffin know in an email would be appropriate documentation.

Chair Gabor stated there is an issue with a Board member who has not attended a meeting in over a year. Chair Gabor stated that the member has expressed interest in staying on the Board, but has still not been attending meetings. Chair Gabor asked if the Board would support asking that member to resign so the position could be refilled?

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated sending a letter or e-mail stating the attendance expectations and that the Board has noticed they have not been met would be best, to give the members a notice so they can either make changes or resign.

Dr. Brill stated that communications with Board members who miss a meeting should start after missing one meeting without cause, instead of after a year of missing meetings.

Chair Gabor stated that after a letter has been sent to a Board member for attendance, and the member does not still participate in meetings, according to the Bylaws it would be appropriate to ask for resignation from that Board member.

DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO SEND A LETTER TO BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE MCHAB BYLAWS. IF FAILED ATTENDANCE CONTINUES TO OCCUR, RESIGNATION WILL BE REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD MEMBER. DR. BRILL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

5. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Health Workforce Shortages and Policy: Implications for Maternal and Child Health in Nevada—John Packham, PhD, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives, Co-Director, Nevada Health Workforce Research Center, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

John Packham, PhD, stated a correction to his credentials from the agenda—he is a PhD, not a

MD. Dr. Packham presented on health workforce development in Nevada, including an overview of the health workforce demand in Nevada, data on persistent workforce shortages in primary care, dental health, mental health, and nursing, and opportunities and strategies to address provider shortages. Dr. Packham stated a white paper entitled “Addressing Nevada’s Nursing Workforce Shortages: A Call to Action” can be found in the meeting packet. Dr. Packham stated an update to the *Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book* will be published soon, and he will work to get that disseminated to the Board.

Chair Gabor asked if other western states, including California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawai’i, are seeking inclusion in the Nurse Licensure Compact?

Dr. Packham stated there are efforts in those states to be included, but he can really only speak about Nevada. Dr. Packham stated there has been pushback in Nevada, but data finds 90 to 95 percent support of the compact among registered nurse licensees in Nevada. The Nevada Nurses Association also supports the compact.

Dr. Brill asked if there is data about the location of physician assistants and nurse practitioners?

Dr. Packham said most are located in Southern Nevada, and not in the rural and frontier areas.

Ms. Carlson stated she is a nursing leader at Renown. Ms. Carlson said in the past two years she has seen a large increase in nursing staff wanting to work part time or per diem. Ms. Carlson asked if the nursing shortage number data reflects this trend, because she is concerned the nursing shortage data is larger than what is being presented in the current data.

Dr. Packham stated this will be a larger problem moving forward as the economy improves as more options become available to workers. Dr. Packham stated he does not have concrete data related to that question at this time.

Ms. Carlson stated that probably 65 percent of her nursing staff is full time, and the other 35 percent are per diem or part time, which is an increase of 20 percent in the past two years.

Dr. Packham stated that the Nevada Hospital Association reported hospitals across the state have 400 to 500 in-patients who are medically cleared for discharge but cannot find post-acute care due to shortages in post-acute care and rehabilitation.

Chair Gabor stated she looks forward to hearing back from Dr. Packham in a year or two with updated numbers.

No Public Comment

- 6. 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 – Praseetha Balakrishnan, MS, Biostatistician II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

Praseetha Balakrishnan presented COVID-19 updates for the maternal and child health population in Nevada. Ms. Balakrishnan provided an overview of COVID-19 cases, deaths, vaccinations, and specific data related to childbearing-age women, youths, and pregnant people, including case, death, and vaccination breakdowns by age group and race and ethnicity.

Chair Gabor thanked Ms. Balakrishnan for the presentation and for the clear definitions of overrepresentation and underrepresentation related to the data.

No Public Comment

7. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Children’s Advocacy Alliance 2023 Legislative Priorities—Jamelle Nance, Strong Start Prenatal-to-Three Director, Children’s Advocacy Alliance

Jamelle Nance presented on the 2023 legislative priorities related to maternal and child health for the Children’s Advocacy Alliance on behalf of the Health Policy Manager, Carissa Pearce. Ms. Nance explained data and research used to determine and support legislative priorities came from the Policy Impact Center through Vanderbilt University and expertise of partners, parents, and community members. Ms. Nance provided an overview of maternal health policies including twelve-month postpartum Medicaid coverage and paid family leave, and child health policies including twelve months of continuous eligibility and updated Nevada Revised Statutes language to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

No Public Comment

8. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Nevada Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Strategic Priorities –Denise Tanata, J.D., ECCS Director, The Children’s Cabinet

Denise Tanata presented on updates to the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant awarded in August 2021 and runs through July 2026. Ms. Tanata provided an overview of the new strategic plan for the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council to align with the grant, as well as the relevant goals and priorities.

No Public Comment

9. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Health in All Policies (HiAP) – Joyce Abeng, MPH, Public Health Diversity Advisor, Larson Institute, University of Nevada, Reno School of Public Health

Joyce Abeng presented on HiAP and the work being prepared by the Larson Institute for the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Abeng explained the role of HiAP to integrate health considerations into policymaking across sectors to improve the health of all communities and provided an overview of HiAP projects. Ms. Abeng discussed a HiAP project focused on doula services and identifying ways to make doula work more sustainable, equitable, and inclusive that has resulted in the development of a birthing resources directory and work on a white paper. Ms. Abeng discussed Assembly Bill 256 of the 81st Legislative and efforts to incentivize Medicaid with higher reimbursement rates to motivate more doulas to become Medicaid providers in

Nevada.

Ms. Carlson asked if other states are employing doulas within hospitals?

Ms. Abeng stated she will find out and email Ms. Carlson.

Chair Gabor asked when Ms. Abeng's white paper will be completed?

Ms. Abeng stated by January 1st the health note and white paper will be available and she will be conducting a health note training session for policymakers.

No Public Comment

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of Maternal and Child Health Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), including BDRs 40-380, 15-425, 15-40, 44 and 64, and possible recommendations to the Administrator of DPBH, including possible recommendations to form a BDR subcommittee– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Gabor stated that the Board could either form a Legislative Subcommittee as it has done the past to make recommendations or come to the February meeting with identified BDRs and use the February meeting to draft language as a group for recommendations.

Dr. Brill asked for clarification on the recommendation process and if the Board's recommendations have produced results in the past?

Chair Gabor stated that one of the objectives of the Board is to make recommendations, and that the impact of the Board most likely depends on information being received from other entities.

Dr. Brill stated he is not suggesting the Board stop making recommendations but would like feedback to make sure the Board is making an impact and understand the weight of the Board on legislative outcomes.

Ms. Griffin read the MCAHB Bylaws pertaining to the purposes of the Board in Article 2.

Ms. Ives provided an overview of the history of recommendations and the Committee. Ms. Ives stated the current one sentence BDR descriptions make it difficult to understand the full scope of the policy landscape until the bill text is published which can be fairly late possibly impacting recommendations timelines. Ms. Ives stated if there is a specific bill during session a group wants to support a letter is useful and is what MCHAB has done in the past. Ms. Ives stated letters go to the DPBH Administrator. Ms. Ives noted making suggestions on specific policy recommendations as early as possible is helpful given existing timelines.

Dr. Brill asked for more general information regarding recommendations from the Board and if they have ever made an impact in the past.

Ms. Ives stated that letters from the Board are helpful to have that information go to DPBH

leadership if they are needed to testify or present educational material around a bill. The letter is helpful to show the MCHAB body of experts have highlighted a bill as a priority. Ms. Ives stated that these recommendations are valuable which is why this pathway is codified in statutes.

Chair Gabor stated she feels strongly working on this in February rather than doing a separate subcommittee would be more impactful. Chair Gabor encouraged members of the Board to come to the February meeting prepared with bills they strongly support and supporting documentation and work on putting together recommendations at the February meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed this was acceptable.

11. 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 provided an update on AIM and stated the first patient safety bundle, the severe hypertension bundle, launched on October 1st and the first quarter of data reporting is due mid-January. Ms. Conn stated that there are 18 birthing facilities in Nevada and there are nine facilities enrolled in AIM and one rural non-birthing facility hospital also participating. Ms. Conn invited any interested hospitals to join AIM and stated that even though the first bundle has started it is not too late to enroll.

Ms. Conn also provided an update on the MMRC, stating the Committee has met four times so far in 2022 and the upcoming legislative report is due at the end of December, which will contain data from calendar years 2020 and 2021. Ms. Conn stated after the report is submitted and approved by the Legislative Counsel Bureau it will be shared and posted online. Ms. Conn also stated informant interviews started being conducted to help provide more information on cases. Ms. Conn stated there is an open spot for a member and the announcement will be released and shared with the MCHAB Listserv.

12. 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 Chayna Corpuz, MPH, as the new Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) Program Officer I, and Dr. Ghasi Phillips-Bell as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemiology Field Assignee to Nevada supporting Maternal Child Health for the Division.

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

Chair Gabor stated that the February meeting will include a discussion of BDRs of interest to the Board and drafting language for the letter and if necessary, the opportunity to form a legislative subcommittee.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of MCHAB meeting dates for 2023—Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Gabor stated the 2023 MCHAB meeting dates needing approval from the Board are for February 10th, May 5th, August 4th, and November 3rd.

DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING DATES FOR THE MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD FOR 2023. DR. BRILL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment

15. Public Comment

Ms. Ives stated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding granted to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory will help support eventual addition of additional conditions to the blood spot panel. These conditions include X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (x-ALD), Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MPSI – Hurler syndrome), Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II (MPSII – Hunter syndrome), and Glycogen Storage Disease Type II (Pompe). This funding will support the purchase of equipment, reagents, testing, and baseline setting to support the new conditions. Ms. Ives also noted another project related to opioids will be implemented by the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory and the lab would be the point of contact for any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.