

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 10, 2023
9:00 AM**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on February 10, 2023, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Gabor (Linda), MSN, RN
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN, CNM, BCLC
Noah Kohn, MD
Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, CGN
Lora Carlson, BSN, RNC-OB, C-FMC

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Fred Schultz
Fatima Taylor, M.Ed., CPM
Keith Brill, MD
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop
Assemblywoman Claire Thomas

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

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
Eileen Hough, MPH, Adolescent Health and Wellness 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
Vanessa Rauch, Account for Family Planning Program Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW
Desiree Wenzel, Office Manager, 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)

Mavis Quanash Amisshah, Supervisor, Child and Family Services Unit, Office of Analytics, DHHS

Karina Fox, Public Health Resource Officer, Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE)

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

Maricruz Schaefer, RN, Public Health Nurse and Fetal Infant Mortality Review Co-Coordinator, Washoe County Health District (WCHD)

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

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

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

Sierra Crandall, RN, UNR

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

Chair Linda Gabor called the February 10, 2023, meeting to order at 9:29 A.M.

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

Desiree Wenzel 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 December 16, 2022– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

KATIE HACKLER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 16, 2022, MEETING MINUTES. LORA CARLSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

3. 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

Kagan Griffin stated six out of nine Board members have responded to the survey with their

intentions to renew their terms with the MCHAB. Ms. Griffin stated she will reach out to the three Board members who have not responded, and will work on submitting letters to the Administrator if the Board approves.

Chair Gabor asked for public comment, and there was none.

MELINDA HOSKINS ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR LETTERS TO BE SENT TO THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ALL MCHAB MEMBERS REQUESTING TERM RENEWAL. KATIE HACKLER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Gabor stated a second motion would be needed to search for new members if there are openings.

LORA CARLSON ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR NEW MCHAB MEMBERS IF OPENINGS ARISE. KATIE HACKLER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

- 4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Presentation and possible recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) regarding the Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity, Nevada 2020-2021 report – Praseetha Balakrishnan, MS, Biostatistician II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Tami Conn, MPH, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Section Manager, DPBH**

Praseetha Balakrishnan presented on maternal mortality data which included pregnancy-associated deaths from January 2020 through December 2021, pregnancy-related deaths from January 2017 through December 2018, and maternal deaths from January 2016 through December 2018. Ms. Balakrishnan provided the definitions of pregnancy-associated deaths as the death of a person while pregnant or within one year of the termination of pregnancy, regardless of the cause, pregnancy-related deaths as the death of a person during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy, from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy, and maternal death as the death of a person while pregnant or within 42 days of the termination of pregnancy, regardless of the duration and site of pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or incidental causes. Ms. Balakrishnan explained the methodology to identify the data, the ratio and number of maternal deaths in Nevada, and demographics of maternal mortality data in Nevada. Ms. Balakrishnan then provided the definition of severe maternal morbidity as the conditions and diagnoses which indicate potentially life-threatening maternal complications, and provided the methodology to identify the data, the rate of severe maternal morbidity in Nevada, and the top five diagnosis based indicators from 2020 through 2021.

Chair Gabor stated the presentation was well done and the time and effort was appreciated.

Tami Conn provided an overview of Nevada’s Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), reporting requirements, and the 2020-2021 Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity Legislative Counsel Bureau Report. Ms. Conn provided an overview of the recommendations by the MMRC found in the report, and recommendations by the Advisory Committee of the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity. Ms. Conn provided website links to the MMRC website and the Legislative Counsel Bureau report.

Chair Gabor stated the presentation was excellent and that in her work with the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) she has seen many of the same issues presented. Chair Gabor explained that offering standard prenatal care in the emergency room is a recommendation that has come up in FIMR, along with gestational weight gain and nutrition. Chair Gabor stated this is an excellent opportunity to look at MMRC and FIMR together and see if there are opportunities for collaboration.

Chair Gabor stated she would like to see this topic annually on the agenda or whenever a new report is available for future MCHAB meetings.

No Public Comment.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of Advisory Board member highlighted Maternal and Child Health Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), including but not limited to BDR 40-380, 15-425, 15-40, 54-44, and 40-64, for possible recommendations of the Board to the Administrator of DPBH, including possible recommendations to form a BDR subcommittee– Linda Gabor, MSN, RN, Chair

Chair Gabor asked for the BDRs to be looked up on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS). Ms. Griffin looked up BDR 40-380, now Assembly Bill (AB) Number 6, and shared her screen. Chair Gabor explained AB 6 revises provisions relating to the cost of health care. Chair Gabor stated that the role of MCHAB is to ensure the availability and accessibility of primary health services and that an accessibility issue is the cost of health care. Chair Gabor asked if other Board members want to include recommendations to the Administrator of DPBH regarding AB 6. Chair Gabor stated the fiscal impacts were still unclear which makes it difficult to know how to proceed.

Katie Hackler asked for clarification on the role of MCHAB and if this is something a subcommittee would be needed for.

Chair Gabor stated she participated in a MCHAB legislative subcommittee in the past on two separate occasions, and it is an option. Chair Gabor explained in the past the Board has looked at a finite number of bills and express thoughts on bills as written and prioritized bills based on the experience of the Board. Chair Gabor asked if Ms. Griffin had anything to add.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Board would be coming up with reasons for why the Board supports a given bill or BDR.

Chair Gabor stated she did not feel there was enough information without the fiscal impacts being known to stand behind AB 6.

Lora Carlson stated more clarification would be helpful on this process, and asked if the Board will be choosing one or two bills to push forward or if the Board is explaining why they would support pieces of all selected bills.

Chair Gabor explained that the Board will go through the list of all BDRs in NELIS and prior to meetings will select bills that fit into the scope of the MCHAB. Chair Gabor explained that there is not a limit to the number of bills that the Board can support, but they must be addressed at a formal meeting and then recommendations can be made to the Administrator of DPBH if the Board votes to support a bill. Chair Gabor stated a subcommittee meeting might be needed as the next scheduled MCHAB meeting is not until May.

Katie Hackler stated a subcommittee meeting is needed.

KATIE HACKLER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO FORM A BDR SUBCOMMITTEE. MELINDA HOSKINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Griffin stated she will reach out to Board members to schedule the BDR Subcommittee meeting.

Chair Gabor asked for additional Board comment on AB 6.

Lora Carlson asked if a copy of the BDRs can be sent to Board members so they can review in more detail.

Chair Gabor stated a packet will be put together prior to the subcommittee meeting. Chair Gabor stated that there is not much information available yet on NELIS for many BDRs.

Melinda Hoskins stated that it would be preferable to have links to the bills on NELIS, rather than a packet, so that any changes made to bills during session would be easily accessible.

Chair Gabor agreed that would be best to ensure bills tracked were up-to-date. Chair Gabor asked to move to BDR 15-425, or Senate Bill (SB) Number 38.

Chair Gabor explained SB 38 revises provisions relating to offenses against children. Chair Gabor stated this is a bill the MCHAB should consider supporting.

Dr. Noah Kohn stated his concern that Nevada penalizes the perpetrators of sex crimes against children differently based on the age of the child victim, and that he personally thinks there should be the same penalty for all ages. Dr. Kohn asked if the Board could support changing that and make a motion to include that recommendation in the Board's letter to the Administrator of DPBH.

Katie Hackler asked if there will be one letter written with all bill recommendations, or will separate letters be written for each bill?

Chair Gabor explained the Board can write as many letters as they want, and if the Board wants to move forward with supporting SB 38 they could do so now and draft the letter prior to the BDR Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Griffin stated MCAH staff will assist in writing the letter by providing data requests as directed by the Board and will include any recommendations that are approved by the Board.

DR. NOAH KOHN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO SUPPORT BDR 15-425, SB 38, AND INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PENALTY FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ARE THE SAME REGARDLESS OF THE AGE OF THE CHILD VICTIM. LORA CARLSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Gabor asked to move to BDR 15-40 and stated there is no information in NELIS yet. Chair Gabor asked to move to BDR 54-44, or SB 131.

Dr. Kohn stated he agrees with supporting SB 131.

Chair Gabor stated she would be interested to hear a synopsis of the bill from the Board.

Melinda Hoskins stated her interpretation that it is a reaction to other states providing penalties to individuals who provide abortion services. SB 131 would protect healthcare providers in Nevada from punishment for restrictive actions in other states.

Dr. Kohn stated he believes SB 131 codifies former Governor Sisolak's executive order. Dr. Kohn stated his sister-in-law is a sponsor of the bill for full transparency, and will abstain from any motions on SB 131.

KATIE HACKLER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO SUPPORT BDR 54-44, SB 131. LORA CARLSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED. DR. KOHN ABSTAINED.

Chair Gabor asked to move to BDR 40-64. Tami Conn stated that all that is available on NELIS is the one-sentence description. Chair Gabor asked if there were other BDRs Board members wanted to discuss.

Melinda Hoskins stated there is a bill regarding licensure for certified professional midwives that she feels the Board should consider.

Chair Gabor stated that will be included in the subcommittee meeting. Chair Gabor stated the next steps will be to schedule the subcommittee meeting, and the preference is to have that scheduled in late February or early March. Ms. Griffin stated she will work to send out a poll to Board members for availability.

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, MPH, MCAH Section Manager, DPBH

Ms. Conn provided updates on MMRC, stating the next legislatively required report will be published online by April 1st, and that the MMRC has an opening for a member. Ms. Conn stated the notice for applications for membership is included in the meeting packet, and applications are due March 3rd. Ms. Conn explained that applications will be submitted to the Director.

Ms. Conn provided updates on AIM, explaining that ten hospitals are actively participating in AIM out of 18 birthing hospitals in the state. Ms. Conn stated the first quarter of data from the ten hospitals was submitted on January 15th, and the current severe hypertension bundle will continue for the rest of 2023. Ms. Conn stated any hospital can still join, and the MMRC made a recommendation regarding the AIM patient safety bundles and participating AIM hospitals are included in the MMRC report on page six.

Melinda Hoskins asked if there were any ideas as to why some hospitals are not participating?

Ms. Conn stated sometimes it is just a lack of getting in contact with the right person. Ms. Conn explained there have been no hospitals that have said no to participating, it has been more of an approval issue on the hospital administration side and completing paperwork to participate.

Melinda Hoskins asked if Ms. Conn could say if the hospitals were larger hospitals or smaller rural hospitals.

Ms. Conn stated it is more the larger hospitals.

Melinda Hoskins stated she is the Vice-President of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) affiliate and suspects some of the members would be willing to help to get support because AIM is supported by ACNM.

Ms. Conn stated she will provide Ms. Hoskins with a list of hospitals AIM staff are still trying to reach.

Public comment included a question from Joyce Abeng asking if the BDR Subcommittee meeting would be open to the public?

Chair Gabor stated the meeting is open to the public.

No additional public comment

7. 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 stated Title V MCH staff are working on the annual block grant application due in July. Ms. Griffin stated there will be a public input survey distributed as part of the application and it will be sent out on the MCHAB

listserv. Ms. Griffin stated the survey will be available in both English and Spanish to solicit feedback from the public on how MCH can improve the block grant application and different services in Nevada.

No Public Comment

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

Chair Gabor stated for the BDR Subcommittee meeting the BDRs the Board was unable to review today should be reviewed and other bill recommendations should be brought to the meeting.

9. Public Comment

No Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.