

DIAPERING RESOURCE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 5, 2023  
11:00 AM

The Diapering Resource Committee held a public meeting on October 5, 2023, beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly Maxwell – Executive Director, Baby’s Bounty  
Blanca Ayala – Clinic Operations Coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral health (DPBH) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)  
Jessica Roew – Health Program Manager 2, Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, Nevada Early Intervention Services  
Lisa Boneck – Nevada Home Visiting Program Manager, The Children’s Cabinet  
Ann McIntyre – Chief Executive Officer, Partnerships for America

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Maria Teresa Johnson, RN – Nursing Supervisory/Manager, Southern Nevada Health District  
Colette Moore, RN – Retired University Medical Center Director

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

Tami Conn, MPH – Section Manager, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Section, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), DPBH  
Elli Komito, MPH – Program Manager, Nevada Home Visiting, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH  
Helina Ashagrie – Health Program Specialist 1, Nevada Home Visiting, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

Tierra Sears – Administrative Assistant 1, Nevada Home Visiting, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Lacey Gero – Policy and Coalition Coordinator, National Diaper Bank Network

**1. Call to order/roll call and reading of call-in for public comment – Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending official appointment.**

Kelly Maxwell called the July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting to order at 11:03 A.M. Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Diaper Resource Committee (DRC) was present. Tierra Sears informed all attendees that the meeting would be recorded.

**2. For Possible Action: Approval of draft minutes from the July 6, 2023, meeting – Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of a new chair.**

Ann McIntyre motioned to approve the draft minutes from July 6 , 2023. Jessica Roew seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

No Public Comment

**3. For Discussion and Possible Action: Updates from committee members on donation outreach, and assign further outreach as needed - Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of a new Chair**

Kelly Maxwell provided an update on her attendance to Washington DC for the Vegas Chamber Fly. While there she talked with Miles Dixon from Nevada Grant Lab (NGL), a previous presenter to the DRC. NGL informed Ms. Maxwell they are applying for a 38 million grant that encompasses passing awarding nonprofit organizations. NGL has asked Baby's Bounty to see if they wanted to be in phase 1 of the grant. As part of the grant, NGL identified certain census tracks that are the most challenged with work force development and part of this grant is for childcare and diapers. The federal grant is going to award about nine municipalities nationwide.

Ms. Maxwell provided an update Baby's Bounty Childcare Solutions Summit in January or February 2024 as part of ongoing effort on workforce issues. This committee can be involved in the Summit anyone would like to attend.

Tami Conn stated she will share the information with the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Section, (MCAH), and the DRC listserv.

Ms. Maxwell asked about donation outreach and if any members have contacted diaper companies about receiving donations.

Ms. Conn stated that MCAH can keep a running record of organizations and contact attempts and could assign out organizations to each member to avoid duplicate contacts to the same company. Further asking if there are any preferences for members on which companies, they would like outreach to.

Ms. Maxwell stated she will contact Hello Bello as she already has a contact with them. She said the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) already has a relationship with Huggies, and they only to give those who are part of the NDBN so we may want to skip contacting Huggies. She added three organizations , Cuties, First Quality, JSL are repacking diapers for diaper banks and are also outreach opportunities. Kelly asked the support staff to divide the organizations amongst the members and provide a written letter for seeking donations. Ms. Conn agreed to do so.

No Public Comment

**4. For Discussion and Possible Action: Committee scope of work review and possible recommendations to grow social media and internet outreach on existing diapering resources in Nevada - Elli Komito, MPH, Program Manager, Nevada Home Visiting**

Elli Komito reviewed scope of work for the DRC. Mx. Komito noted that one of the primary issues is securing funding since most funding opportunities are not available for the DRC to apply due to ineligibility. Mx Komito highlighted NRS 422A.670, which gives the DRC the ability to increase awareness of availability of diapers, diapering supplies; posting and availability of certain information to families receiving public assistance or other low-income families. Mx. Komito asked for open discussion for what members have available on their end advertise this type of information.

Ms. Maxwell shared Baby's Bounty Facebook page posts at the beginning of each month, the time, location, and events for diaper banks. These could be shared on further social media platforms.

Mx. Komito agreed and noted the Division could re-post those on social media.

Ms. Conn mentioned the DPBH has social media options to push out posts as well as the ability to create and print physical materials.

Ms. Maxwell mentioned the DRC would benefit from have a Medicaid member on the Committee, specifically someone from Silver Summit Health plan since they do a lot of community events for families.

Ms. Con added that the State has Nevada 211 is available for diaper resource information. MCAH does quarterly trainings with the 211 callers, and we can work with them on how they direct families who call in for diapers. The DRC could also see if the 211 page has a comprehensive list of diaper resources.

Ms. Maxwell noted that the 211-page needs updated to ensure the missing organizations are added. Ms. Conn agreed to work with 211 to update the listings.

Ms. McIntyre reported 50-60 calls are received by Partnerships for America monthly. They then refer to an organization in Nevada.

Ms. Maxwell stated that there are a lot of options in Nevada but so it is curious why people are calling Partnerships for America, which is a national organization.

Lacey Gero stated the NDBN also gets calls for diapers.

Ms. Conn stated we will proceed with the suggestion for the next DRC meeting with hopes of updating Nevada 211's listing.

**5. Informational: Update on request for list of every organization that distributes diapers or diapering supplies in Nevada – Helina Ashagrie, Program Coordinator, Nevada Home Visiting**

Helina Ashagrie shared the list of all suppliers. In Southern Nevada has Babies Bounty, Las Vegas Diaper Bank, United Labor Agency of Nevada, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, and First Choice Pregnancy Center in Pahrump. Northern Nevada has Women and Child Center of the

Sierra, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Family Support Council of Douglas County, New Frontier in Fallon, Pershing Family Resource Center, Salvation Army, Black Wall Street, and Babies Bounty. Helina said if you know of any missing from the list, please let her know so she can update it.

Kelly Maxwell stated the requirements are only accurate for the Baby Bundle, there is no requirement for diapers at Baby's Bounty. Baby's Bounty locations also include Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno-Sparks, Pahrump, Mesquite, Mexican Consulate Downtown Las Vegas, Boulder City and Sandy Valley.

Ann McIntyre Request that she receive a list of the agencies that we have of diaper banks so that Partnerships of America can have it on hand when people call in.

Tami Conn has offered to send it out once finalized.

No Public Comment

**6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion possible recommendations to incorporate diapering resources into the upcoming Maternal and Child Health Title V and Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting needs assessment – Tami Conn, MPH Section Manager, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program**

Tami Conn shared information about the required 5-year needs assessment that is due in 2025, meaning the needs assessment will mostly take place in 2024. Ms. Conn shared diapers was an answer choice in the last needs assessment but was not its own unique question. We could potentially add more questions on diaper availability and barriers to accessing them.

Kelly Maxwell stated that this would be helpful to have Nevada specific data specifically for grant writing purposes to show the need.

Ms. Conn stated that in the December meeting she would bring the draft questions for review and editing.

Lacey Gero added there are national study questions we could replicate. Ms. Gero will send these to Ms. Conn.

No Public Commit

Approved future meeting dates:

- December 14, 2023
- March 13, 2024
- June 13, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- December 12, 2024

Ann McIntyre requested to see the meeting minutes 10 days prior to the next meeting.

Tami Conn shared the minutes post before then and will be posted to the website.

Elli Komito shared the website link and shared their screen on how to find them.

No Public Comment

**7. Adjourn at 12:05pm**