

**DIAPERING RESOURCE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 9th, 2023
10:00 AM**

The Diapering Resource Committee held a public meeting on March 9th, 2023, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jessica Roew – Health Program Manager II, Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, Nevada Early Intervention Services

Blanca Ayala – Clinic Operations Coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Kelly Maxwell – Executive Director, Baby’s Bounty

Lisa Boneck – Home Visiting Program Manager, The Children’s Cabinet

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ann McIntyre – Chief Executive Officer, Partnerships for America

Colette Moore, RN – Retired University Medical Center Director

Maria Teresa Johnson, RN – Nursing Supervisory/Manager, Southern Nevada Health District

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

Vickie Ives, MA – Deputy Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW), DPBH

Tami Conn, MPH – Section Manager, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Section, CFCW, DPBH

Tierra Sears – Admin Assistant I, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

Elli Komito, MPH – Program Manager, Nevada Home Visiting, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

Rhonda Buckley - Admin Assistant II, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

Kagan Griffin – Health Program Manager I, Title V, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

Desiree Wenzel – Office Manager, MCAH, CFCW, DPBH

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Alee Moore, DR – Nevada Grants Lab

1. **Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions – Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of a new Chair.**

Kelly Maxwell called the March 9th, 2023, meeting to order at 10:07 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 December 9, 2022, meeting – Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of a new Chair.**

BLANCA AYALA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2022. JESSICA ROEW SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment

3. **Informational: Update on Diapers for Diplomas Program -Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of a new Chair.**

Kelly Maxwell gave a recap of the status on Diapers for Diplomas from the December 15, 2022, meeting for those who were not present. Ms. Maxwell stated the Diapers for Diplomas Program assists parenting students in five of the higher education institutions in Nevada. They are working with Nevada State College (NSC), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), College of Southern Nevada (CSN), University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) to provide parenting students with a full year of diapers and parents can apply every year. They will be starting with a two hundred-thousand-dollar (\$200,000) scholarship roughly 200 scholarships split between the five institutions. Memorandums of understanding (MOUs) are already in place with NSC and CSN. MOUs are in process with UNLV, UNR, and TMCC. To apply, you go to their website. They will be providing physical diapers, not cash, to avoid affecting the parenting students' financial aid. They will be given 200 diapers per month, distributed quarterly at the institutions and at their distribution center. They will be launching the Program officially the week of April 10, 2023. The launch will be held at Nevada State College.

No Public Comment

4. **Informational: Presentation by Nevada on applying for grants and supports available for non-profits and state agencies. Grant Lab - Dr. Alee Moore**

Dr. Alee Moore with Nevada Grant Lab gave a presentation on state of the sector and on Nevada Grant Lab. Dr. Moore explained the role of Nevada Grant Lab, stating it is responsible for paying and balancing the cost of community assists and services through public funding. Dr. Moore

stated that in 2001 Nevada received approximately \$800 less per person in comparison to other states. Dr. Moore stated Nevada Grant Lab is a non-profit organization that supports other non-profit organizations in accessing and managing historically underutilized funding opportunities using four different programs. The four programs within Nevada Grant Lab are Capacity Building, which is used to discover and build skills needed to improve grant competitiveness, enhance operations, and grow impact, Building the Movement which helps connecting agencies and stakeholders with data, ideas, and partners they need to maximize federal grants, Grant Services which assists partners to identify federal grant opportunities for that scope of work, and Technical Assistance which provides one on one hands-on support targeted to specific programmatic needs and opportunities.

Ms. Maxwell asked if Nevada Grant Lab also assisted with non-federal grants, such as state, county or municipal grants, as well. Dr. Moore confirmed that they do assist with these types of grants. Ms. Maxwell pointed out that the cost of annual audits for smaller organizations can be a barrier to applying for federal grants and asked if Nevada Grant Lab provides assistance or connections to less expensive audits. Dr. Moore clarified the processes for organizations receiving more than \$750,000 in federal awards and stated that Nevada Grant Lab does not assist with the payment of those audits but does have internal resources to help organizations be better prepared for those audits. She added that they will cover the costs of consulting with an auditor on a per-hour basis. Dr. Moore mentioned an upcoming late summer workshop with a CPA where participants can ask specific questions.

Ms. Maxwell and Mx. Komito thanked Dr. Moore for her time, and Dr. Moore thanked the group for having her. Mx. Komito mentioned that slides from the presentation would be available following the meeting.

No Public Comment

5. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible Action: Updates from committee members on grant opportunities requested at last meeting and possible action in applying for an identified grant. Kelly Maxwell, Committee facilitator pending appointment of new Chair.**

Ms. Maxwell stated that she had previously asked for the committee to come with one idea regarding moving the needle in offering diapering resources. She asked for comments or ideas. No ideas were brought forward. Ms. Maxwell stated that she will add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

No Public Comment

6. **For Discussion: Discussion regarding Nevada Legislative Bill Draft Request 1033, Before the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, to eliminate sales tax on diapers. Kelly Maxwell, Committee Facilitator pending appointment of a new chair.**

Ms. Maxwell stated that she and Mx. Komito discussed how this committee could move from just providing physical diapers, to working on the policy side and working towards drafting a bill regarding diapers or diaper resources in the next legislative session. Ms. Maxwell stated that Baby's Bounty hired former Lieutenant Governor Lisa

Cano Burkhead and with her contacts in state government they were able to get a bill in this legislative session. Senator Edgar Flores put forth a leadership bill on behalf of Baby's Bounty to remove sales tax on diapers. Ms. Maxwell states there was no pushback on this bill. Ms. Maxwell mentioned there had only been one pushback in the past, regarding budget and noted her understanding that there is a surplus within the state. Ms. Maxwell informed the committee that the State Treasurers signed off on the bill stating there is plenty of money to move forward without any issues. Ms. Maxwell added that there is potential for future advocacy from the committee on other bills, but that the one on diaper tax removal appears secure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tami Conn informed Ms. Maxwell that there was a question in the chat regarding the bill number, and that she had attached it in the comments, but wanted to confirm it was bill draft 32-1033.

Ms. Maxwell thanked Ms. Conn for getting the bill number as she was not able to prior to this meeting.

Ms. Conn stated she got the bill number from Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System, and that it is indeed under Senator Flores.

Ms. Maxwell stated she will keep the committee informed with any news. She added the Northern Nevada Diaper Bank would be launching on the 21st.

Ms. Conn asked Ms. Maxwell if she has a location in northern Nevada or if it will be a mobile van.

Ms. Maxwell stated there will be both. The stationary location is 1410 Greg Street, and they will be hosting monthly diaper banks starting March 21. The diaper bank will be available on the last Wednesday of every month. In the beginning people don't need to apply. They will be giving fifty (50) diapers and two hundred (200) wipes for each qualified child with a max of three per household. Ms. Maxwell expects the launch to be a big event. There will also be a mobile diaper bank for those who cannot make the drive to Sparks/Reno. The mobile bank will also participate in community events, such as baby showers and health fairs. Ms. Maxwell added that drop shipping will also be an option for people living in remote and difficult-to-access areas.

7. **For Discussion: Future Priorities for the Diapering Resource committee. Kelly Maxwell, Committee Facilitator pending appointment of a new Chair.**

Ms. Maxwell asked for input on where committee members saw potential opportunities in their respective sectors.

Ms. Roew mentioned that, working for Nevada Early Intervention, she does not work in a grant-securing capacity but is always looking for resources to share with her community. But she

thinks it is important that diaper banks also have Nevada Early Intervention's information because she does not believe a lot of families and communities know about their help.

Ms. Maxwell stated she want to speak after the meeting to talk about those resources and addressing those rural areas.

Ms. Roew mentioned a one-time donation of Honest diapers and added that it was nice having diapers in their office because it was easier to hand out to the families that needed them right then and there.

Ms. Maxwell acknowledged this idea and confirmed that securing product donation was helpful.

Mx. Komito reviewed the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) for the scope of this committee. NRS states the committee is to research opportunities, to increase the availability of diapers and supplies to recipients of public assistance and other low-income families in this state, including without limitation researching opportunities to A; use money received from federal government to carry out a program of public assistance or another program for which the department is responsible and be obtained, and B: obtain donations of money, diapers, diapering supplies, or any combination thereof, including without limitation in kind donations and donations from private foundations, manufactures of diapers and diapering supplies, and other sources.

Ms. Maxwell asked besides Ms. Roew who else on the committee could accept product donations and for whom that would be helpful.

Lisa Boneck stated that the Children's Cabinet can store some diapers and hand them out to clients that come in office. She also stated they have a food pantry and hand them out with food donations as well.

Ms. Maxwell informed Ms. Boneck she would connect after the meeting.

Ms. Ayala stated that the Women Infants and Children (WIC) clinics can also store the product noting there are 47 offices total.

Ms. Maxwell expressed that she likes the idea of product donation for this and asked Ms. Gero if she thinks the National Diaper Bank Network can give diapers through the Huggies donation process to a government agency or if those donations are reserved specifically for nonprofits.

Ms. Gero stated that she thinks it must go directly through Baby's Bounty but is unaware if they can be distributed directly.

Ms. Maxwell asked if there is the potential for this committee to join the National Diaper Network?

Ms. Gero stated she does not think so, but that she will bring these questions back to her team in their next meeting to see if this is a possibility.

Ms. Maxwell mentions she can speak with the Baby-to-Baby National Network because they do product donations and will report back during the June meeting.

Carissa Pearce questioned if Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) covers diapers. She suggested a bill to get government funding for diapers through SNAP or potentially Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program and suggested bringing that into the 2025 legislative session.

Ms. Maxwell stated that would be amazing and this has been talked about with the National Diaper Bank program before. She stated she has tried to understand why the SNAP benefits did not cover essential items like diapers. She was informed that it was explained to her that it is currently being deliberated in state legislature. Ms. Maxwell stated she would love to this kind of opportunity.

Ms. Gero spoke about SNAP benefits being cut even further and mentioned discussion for further cuts at the federal level. Ms. Gero shared a fact sheet about the cuts that were just made to SNAP, stating that there is not enough money for food, which is what SNAP is intended to cover. She added that SNAP operates through the Department of Agriculture. The other options would be TANF. She mentioned there may be opportunities to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to get people enrolled in WIC and meet people at the WIC offices where they are already getting help with other items.

Ms. Maxwell asked for any more public comment.

Ms. Conn asked Ms. Rowe about how they went about getting a donation from Honest Diapers. Ms. Roew stated that the donation came from this committee pre-COVID, and not from the company directly.

Ms. Conn mentioned she was curious if the members would be interested in getting donations directly from the diaper companies.

Ms. Maxwell stated that Baby's Bounty has received many large donations from Honest Company. She added that Baby's Bounty may be the only partnered company in Southern Nevada, meaning that they get very large donations from the company. Ms. Maxwell will follow up with the Honest Company about partnering with this committee. Ms. Maxwell also stated that Baby's Bounty has lots of funds and she would be happy to direct those diapers to other committee members to make sure those are being distributed to others throughout the state. Lacey Gero suggested adding Hello Bello to the list as they have added a statement about giving back. Lacey feels there is an opportunity to get some donations.

Ms. Maxwell offered taking the lead on that as Hello Bello has donated to Baby's Bounty in the past. Ms. Maxwell mentioned that they have some warm contacts with Hello Bello.

Ms. Maxwell began to address upcoming meeting dates and clarified with Mx. Komito that the following dates have already been approved.

Mx. Komito stated that from their understanding they have been approved previously but stated public comment needs to be asked.

Ms. Maxwell asked for public comment on future dates.

No public comment was made.

Pre-approved future meeting dates:

June 15, 2023

September 14, 2023

December 14, 2023

8. **Adjourn 10:57am**