

DIAPERING RESOURCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 17, 2019

2:00 PM

The Diapering Resource Committee held a public meeting on December 17, 2019 beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 204
Carson City, NV 89706

Teleconference:
Call in: 1-888-636-3807
Access Code: 3781389

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Amato, Chair
Evelyn Dryer
Pam Russell
Ann McIntyre
Philip Vander Klay
Jessica Roew
Denise Tanata
Blanca Ayala

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tess Opferman
Alex Pennington

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

Candice McDaniel, MS, Bureau Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW)
Evelyn Dryer, Program Manager, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)
McKenna Bacon, Administrative Assistant IV, CFCW
Shiloh Reading, Administrative Assistant I, MIECHV

1. Call to Order at 2:05 P.M. Roll Call and Introductions.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Diapering Resource Committee was present.

2. Approval of minutes and discussion of agenda.

ANN MCINTYRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND JESSICA ROEW SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Discussion and possible recommendations on draft regulations related to Senate Bill 90 of the 80th Legislative Session. – Kim Amato; Chair.

Chair Kim Amato noted the dire need for diapers for families in need, although there is no funding available.

Chair Amato understood though a conversation with Ms. Denise Tanata, Senate Bill 90 only created an account as but the fiscal note was removed from the bill, therefore no funding. This would interfere with diaper distribution.

No Public Comment was made.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation for diaper donations and/or funding opportunities.

Chair Amato mentioned last year Babies Bounty donated 50,000 diapers from the Honest Company to be distributed throughout the state, but noted this does not happen yearly.

Ms. Pam Russell mentioned grants for \$2,500 and that Reno Rodeo provides 9,000 -11,000 diapers a month to clients at the Woman and Children's Center of the Sierra in Washoe County. They are available Monday through Thursday, 9am – 5pm and Friday 9-4pm. Identification card and Birth Certificate are required, but are not always vetted. The bulk of the funding comes from one grant and from people who will buy diapers for them and donate. The center spends about \$300-400 a month in general funds.

Ms. Russel then suggested getting a Department of Motor Vehicle license plate passed for donations.

CHAIR AMATO ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO INQUIRE THROUGH THE DMV ABOUT A LICENSE PLATE FOR FUNDS TO BE DONATED TO THE DIAPER RESOURCE COMMITTEE. JESSICA ROEW SECONDED THIS MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Amato mentioned a diaper drive held in Southern Nevada received typical donation levels. Women's Resource Center shared among Southern Nevada locations, and mentioned any large-scale donations would be shared among the state.

Chair Amato asked if anyone would be willing to write grants for the committee.

Philip Vander Klay mentioned federal programs which distribute to New Jersey, and he will keep the Chairwoman posted on the situation.

Chair Amato asked what other states are doing for diaper funding.

Mr. Vander Klay responded California received 10 million dollars, which have been distributed to 3-4 diaper banks and helped create a new diaper program. This past year they

distributed another 1.7 million dollars. Connecticut received state grant of about half a million; Tennessee uses a federal/community services grant.

Chair Amato stated there is an overwhelming need for donations.

No Public Comment was made.

5. Make recommendations on next meeting dates and future agenda items.

Chair Amato suggested we convene another meeting sometime in the week of March 19th and a Doodle will be sent out to Board members for the rest of the year.

Ms. Evelyn Dryer suggested sending out meeting dates for the rest of the year.

Chair Amato agreed this was a good idea.

Mr. Vander Klay mentioned there are several partners in New Jersey that created coalitions around addressing diaper needs and doing a lot of coordinating for outreach, and he would be able to connect if Ms. McIntyre would like to contact him after the meeting.

No Public Comment was made.

6. Public Comment.

No Public Comment was made.

7. Adjournment.

Adjournment occurred at 2:40 P. M.