

DIAPERING RESOURCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 26, 2021

10:00 AM

The Diapering Resource Committee held a public meeting on May 26, 2021, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the following locations:

Teleconference:

Call in: 1-888-336-1831

Access Code: 62214424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Amato, Chair, Baby's Bounty

Ann McIntyre – Partnerships for America

Jessica Roew – Nevada Early Intervention Services

Blanca Ayala – Department of Public Health – Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Philip Vander Klay – National Diaper Bank Network

Maria Teresa Johnson – RN, Nursing Supervisory/Manager

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Colette Moore RN, and Retired University Medical Center (UMC) Director

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

Evelyn Dryer, Program Manager, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV),

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Section (MCAH), Child Family and Community Wellness (CFCW)

McKenna Bacon, Administrative Assistant IV, CFCW

Madisson Jacobs, Administrative Assistant, MIECHV, MCAH, CFCW

Vickie Ives, MA, Section Manager, MCAH, CFCW

OTHERS PRESENT

Kendall Lyons – Director of Health Policy, Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA)

1. Call to Order at 10:05 A.M. Roll Call and Introductions

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

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

3. Approval of minutes and discussion of agenda

**JESSICA ROEW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 27, 2021, MEETING MINUTES;
PHILIP VANDER KLAY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. Discussion and possible recommendations on Diapering Resource Committee (DRC) funding
and sponsorship opportunities – Kim Amato; Chair**

Chair Kim Amato opened the floor to Phillip Vander Klay to discuss the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Vander Klay asked that questions be asked during his discussion. He started by discussing the language that included getting emergency resources to families and Home Visiting agencies. Home Visiting agencies are encouraged to work with diapering banks and while these partnerships already existed, there now is federal funding to provide the cost of purchasing diapers. These funds are distributed to state and local governments and provide allocations of funding to address diapering needs. This funding can be found in a variety of ways and there are also nonprofits who collect diaper donations. Elected officials can help agencies receive funding. The national diaper bank is set to help with local and state funding. The funding is going to be given in two parts over the span of two to three years. It is great support. There is money available that needs to be expended.

Chair Amato asked if anyone has information about Northern Nevada to share before she shares her information.

Evelyn Dryer stated that Nevada Home Visiting has received some funding and will be offering funding to home visiting agencies to use for diaper purchases, either at diaper banks in the south, or retail stores in the north. Ms. Dryer stated the funding will not be available for agencies until October 1.

Mr. Vander Klay said he wanted to flag the TANF funding as different from the home visiting funding, noting the agencies in the south will be working with the diapering banks. He noted a benefit to distributing in the north so the home visiting agencies will be covered by one pot of funding and TANF from a different pot. Mr. Vander Klay said he has been sitting in on a lot of these conversations and is willing to offer any insight.

Chair Amato asked what diapering bank the agencies from the south are going to use.

Ms. Dryer thought there was only one diaper bank, being Baby's Bounty.

Chair Amato stated that there are three monthly Baby's Bounty diaper bank locations in the south, serving 500 pre-registered families at each one. Chair Amato said they have worked out the logistics in the south now that they have distributed nearly a million diapers and other supplies, helping more than twelve thousand families.

Chair Amato said 6.8 million dollars were allocated to Nevada in the American Rescue Plan, to be managed by the Dept. of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS), for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and some funds are

to be made available for diapering. She noted that, when the RFP is ready, Baby's Bounty planned to apply for approximately \$150,000, one-third of which would be used to purchase diapers for the north. One agency will be the receiver and distribute to partner agencies as there is not a Baby's Bounty satellite office in the north. According to DWSS, the RFP should be ready in July and funding will commence by September. There will be a two-year window to spend it.

Ms. Dryer stated that a place needs to be found to store any purchased diapers in the north.

Vickie Ives said if the DRC received grant funding, the DRC would then pass-through funds to entities and noted the diapering draft regulation is still with the Legislative Counsel Bureau for review. The draft proposed regulation diapering language was shared with DRC and DRC state support staff will keep this body apprised as to the diapering regulation's progress.

Ms. Dryer read Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 422A. 675, subsection 1.

Chair Amato asked if it addresses diapering needs.

Ms. Ives said the regulations will clarify the process for how funds applied for and received by the DRC will be distributed to community-based organizations, but noted the regulation has to be approved.

Chair Amato said the group would stand by.

Ms. Dryer stated they can start to apply for other grants.

Chair Amato said that Baby's Bounty has gotten corporate sponsorships for the diaper banks, especially from Managed Care Organizations (MCO) noting many are looking to invest in these types of programs.

Chair Amato noted a vote was not needed.

5. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Diapering Resource Committee logo approval – Kim Amato; Chair

Chair Amato said she has seen the logo, and noted the Committee talked in the last meeting about creating a letterhead.

No Action was taken.

No Public Comment was made.

6. Updates and possible recommendations to apply for additional COVID-19 funding – Phillip Vander Klay

No action was taken.

No Public Comment was made.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding board member resignations and new member recruitment efforts

Chair Amato said to forward her any information for people who would be interested.

Ms. Ives said Ms. Dryer will send out the relevant statutes to the DRC.

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

Next meeting dates will be the third Wednesday of September, which is September 15th, and third Wednesday of December, December 15th, at 10 am.

No Public Comment was made.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.