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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2021

TO: Jon Pennell, DVM, Chairperson, State Board of Health

FROM: Lisa Sherych, Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

RE: Appointment Approval for New Member of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 442.133(2), it is the responsibility of the State Board of Health to appoint members of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.

The attached memorandum is a request to the State Board of Health for two (2) new members to join the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. Attached please find resumes or curricula vitae and letters of interest for each person requesting to join the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.

For your consideration, after reviewing the three candidates, the Division recommends Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB and Lora Carlson, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, C-FMC for appointment. They would be valuable appointees given the geographic distribution of current members is limited primarily to the Las Vegas area with only one member representing rural Nevada. These appointees would increase rural and northern Nevada representation and provide insight to ensure all Maternal Child Health Advisory Board objectives outlined in NRS 442.137 are met statewide.

PRESENTER

Karissa Loper, MPH, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness

Maternal Child Health Advisory Board- Current Board Members and New Candidates

Current Board Members	Location	Specialty
Keith Brill, MD	Henderson, NV	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Linda Gabor, MSN, RN	Reno, NV	Public Health Nursing
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN	Minden, NV	Nurse Midwifery
Noah Kohn, MD	Las Vegas, NV	Pediatrics
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD	Las Vegas, NV	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Fred Schultz	Las Vegas, NV	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
Fatima Taylor, M.Ed., CPM	Las Vegas, NV	Early Intervention Services
New Candidates	Location	Specialty
Lora Carlson, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, C-FMC	Reno, NV	Labor and Delivery Nursing
April Clyde, APRN, CPM, CNM	Las Vegas, NV	Midwifery
Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB	Carson City, NV	Obstetrics, Prenatal Care Coordination

KATIE HACKLER, BSN, RN, RNC-OB

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Chamberlain College of Nursing, Downers Grove, IL

06/2012; 4.0 GPA

Associate of Science in Nursing

Western Nevada College, Carson City, NV

05/2009; 3.8 GPA

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, State of Nevada
- RNC – Inpatient Obstetrics
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Instructor
- AWHONN Advanced Fetal Monitoring
- BLS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Patient Educator, Obstetrics

06/2018 – Present, Carson Medical Group OB/GYN, Carson City, NV

RN Obstetrics Patient Educator

- Designed and maintains prenatal care coordination program
- Designs and maintains current prenatal education materials
- Counsels expectant parents on genetic testing options and coordinates referrals, testing, and education
- Implements and ensures practice adherence to society and national guidelines for prenatal care/women's health
- Provides staff and physician education on current society and national guidelines/recommendations
- Coordinates with local hospital/Medicaid clinic to ensure patient quality/continuity of care
- Implemented and coordinates in-office hereditary cancer screening program

Registered Nurse

06/2009 – 09/2018, Carson Tahoe Hospital, Carson City, NV

Staff RN and Relief Charge Nurse in Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum, Special Care Nursery & Pediatrics

- Collaborated with multidisciplinary team in coordination of treatment planning for mothers and babies
- Established community connections for new mothers to promote health and well-being postpartum
- Functioned as a preceptor to new staff including orientation and education
- Provided care for the mother and neonate during labor and delivery, cesarean section, high risk antepartum, postpartum, and special care nursery
- Provided care for the pediatric patient
- Educated staff members and physicians to maintain an updated neonatal resuscitation program

Apprentice Nurse

05/2008 - 05/2009, Carson Tahoe Hospital, Carson City, NV

Apprentice Nurse Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum, Special Care Nursery & Pediatrics

Completed training in team building and management of maternal/child healthcare

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011 - Present:** Member, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
- 2012:** Evaluated patient education needs and created patient centered information and education
- 2012:** Northern Nevada Nurses of Achievement nominee
- 2013:** Evaluated staff morale and implemented a positive feedback program
- 2014:** Created and organized neonate crash cart for unit
- 2015:** Assisted in development and implementation of OB/Peds skills day for staff
- 2015 - 2018:** Restructured hospital NRP courses and implemented current edition changes in the facility
- 2016 - 2018:** Facilitator, AWHONN Perinatal Orientation and Education Program
- 2016 - 2017:** Member, Education and Research Council, Shared Governance, Carson Tahoe Hospital
- 2016:** Assisted in development and implementation of hospital wide skills day for staff
- 2016 - 2017:** Childbirth Educator for hospital community courses
- 2017:** Created and organized main OR crash cart for maternal and neonatal emergencies
- 2017:** Northern Nevada Nurses of Achievement nominee
- 2018:** Daisy Award nominee
- 2018:** Designed and began implementation for maternal hemorrhage and shoulder dystocia drills for facility
- 2018 – Present:** Educational Affiliate, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
- 2019:** Northern Nevada Nurses of Achievement nominee
- 2019:** Education in Women's Genomics Counseling ACOG Course Completion
- 2021 – Present:** Member, International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG)

KATIE HACKLER, BSN, RN, RNC-OB

August 26, 2021

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Attn: Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board
4150 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my interest in a position on the Nevada Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. I have been involved in maternal child health for the past 13 years. Starting as a labor and delivery nurse I became very interested in maternal and child safety, quality of care, and education. I took on many projects at a hospital wide level to improve patient care and safety and eventually found myself focusing on implementing evidence based practice. I earned my certification in inpatient obstetrics and used my increased knowledge to teach staff and physicians.

As the physicians I worked with noticed my passion for education and quality improvement, I was led to my current position as a patient educator and prenatal coordinator at a large OB/GYN practice. The physicians at this practice allowed me to develop my role and create the position of obstetrics patient educator. In this position I am able to educate patients, implement evidence based care, and influence policy change on a practice wide level, which in this region, translates to a community wide level.

I would love the opportunity to use my knowledge, skills, and abilities to learn about and influence policy change and implement evidence based standards on a statewide level. As a registered nurse I have a passion for patient advocacy and the more patients I can advocate for, the better. As a member of the community, as a mother, and as a patient advocate and educator, I feel that I can bring a well-rounded perspective to the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Katie Hackler
RN, BSN, RNC-OB

Lora Carlson

Manager of Nursing, Renown Labor and Delivery



Education:

Orvis School of Nursing, Class of 2006 BSN

Certification in Inpatient OB - 2013

Certification in Fetal Monitoring - 2021

Professional history:

Nurse apprentice May 2006-December 2006

Registered Nurse, Renown Labor and Delivery 2007-2011

Charge Nurse, Renown Labor and Delivery 2011-2013

Night Shift Supervisor-Renown Labor and Delivery 2013-2014

Day Shift Supervisor-Renown Labor and Delivery 2014-2015

Point Person- Renown Labor and Delivery December 2015-June 2016

Manager of Nursing-Renown Labor and delivery-July 2016-present

Volunteer experience:

Chair of Northern Nevada Maternal Child Health Coalition May 2019-July 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am interested in pursuing a seat to serve on the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB). As the manager of Nursing on Labor and Delivery at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, I feel as though I am an excellent candidate to fill this role. The bedside of the laboring mother is where this all begins so having someone on the board who is there to see the labor and delivery as well as newborn processes would be a great addition to this group.

Following you will find my resume explaining in more depth the importance of including me on the board.

April Clyde

www.SerenityBirthCenter.com

EXPERIENCE

Owner & Clinical Director, Serenity Birth Center, LLC Las Vegas, NV 2019-Present
Founder, clinical director, and lead APRN. Serenity is the only birth center in NV. April oversees the operations of 4 front office staff, 8 RNs, and 3 APRNs. She was instrumental in Serenity being the 1st nationally accredited birth center in NV. Only 3% of birth centers hold this accreditation.

Certified Nurse Midwife & Owner, Baby's 1st Day, Las Vegas, NV — 2008-Present
Founder and president of Baby's 1st Day, Midwifery Services. Attending sixty home births per year. Providing complete antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care.

Certified Nurse Midwife, Deseret Women's Health Care, Henderson, NV — 2005-2008

Managing practice partner with collaborating OB/GYN, and physician assistant. Attended 240 hospital births per year. Cesarean first assistant in the operating room. Complete GYN care in office including family planning, menopausal management, and well-woman care.

Certified Nurse Midwife, Fremont Women's Health Care, Las Vegas, NV — 2004-2005

Worked with four collaborating physicians in a busy OB/GYN practice. Complete GYN care provided including family planning, annual exams, menopausal management, colposcopy, and fertility care.

Registered Nurse Labor and Delivery, Sunrise Hospital, Las Vegas, NV — 2000-2004

Provided care to high risk antepartum women, routine intrapartum care including circulating operating room nurse, neonatal intensive care experience, and postpartum couplet care. Electronic fetal monitor certified, advanced cardiovascular life support trained, and neonatal resuscitation certified.

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH - Masters in Nursing - 2004

Frontier School of Nurse-Midwifery, Hyden, KY - Certificate in Midwifery - 2004

University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV - Bachelors in Nursing - 2000

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

American College of Nurse Midwives

Board certified as a nurse-midwife since 2004 - [REDACTED]

North American Registry of Midwives

Board certified as a certified professional midwife since 2008 - [REDACTED]

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Frontier Nursing University

Clinical Preceptor for APRN students since 2016 - present

Bethel University

Clinical Preceptor for APRN students 2019 - present

University of Nevada Las Vegas

Clinical Preceptor for RN & APRN students 2004 - present

LICENSES

Registered Nurse - Arizona license [REDACTED]

Advanced Practice Nurse - Arizona license [REDACTED]

Registered Nurse - Nevada license [REDACTED]

Advanced Practice Nurse - Nevada license [REDACTED]

DEA license [REDACTED]

Nevada State Board of Pharmacy - Controlled Substance License [REDACTED]