

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 7, 2021
9:00 AM

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on May 7, 2021, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Veronica (Roni) Galas, RN
Tyree G. Davis, D.D.S
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN, CNM, IBCLC
Linda Gabor, MSN, RN
Fatima Taylor, MEd, CPM
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Noah Kohn, MD
Fred Schultz
Keith Brill, MD

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT

Vickie Ives, MA, Section Manager, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH), CFCW
Mitch DeValliere, DC, Program Manager, Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH), MCAH, CFCW
Evelyn Dryer, Program Manager, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), MCAH, CFCW
Tami Conn, Health Program Specialist II, State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI), MCAH, CFCW
Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, MCH Epidemiologist and Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Lead Coordinator, MCAH, CFCW
Eileen Hough, MPH, Program Coordinator, Adolescent Health and Wellness, MCAH, CFCW
Yessenia Pacheco, Program Coordinator, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), MCAH, CFCW
Jazmin Sarmiento, Program Coordinator, Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP), MCAH, CFCW
Lisa Light, Accounting Assistant III, Immunization Program and MCAH, CFCW
McKenna Bacon, Administrative Assistant IV, Bureau Office Manager, CFCW
Desiree Wenzel, Administrative Assistant III, Office Manager, MCAH, CFCW
Jonathan Figueroa, Administrative Assistant II, MCAH, CFCW
Stephanie Camacho, Administrative Assistant II, MCAH, CFCW
Madisson Jacobs, Administrative Assistant I, MCAH, CFCW
Vanessa Rauch, Program Coordinator, CFCW
Amber Hise, RD, Health Program Specialist I, Maternal and Infant Health Program Coordinator
Marjorie Singh, MCAH and Office of Analytics (OOA), Data and Evaluation Coordinator, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Anderson, JD, Nevada Public Health Foundation

Denise Tanata, JD, Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECCS) Director, The Children's Cabinet

Cachet Wenziger, Biostatistician II, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Analytics

1. Call to Order- Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Galas called the May 7th meeting to order at 9:04AM.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the MCHAB was present.

2. Public Comment

A point of order from Ms. Galas; a request was made to move agenda item eight (8) to agenda item four (4) then proceed to agenda items from there.

Public Comment - None

3. Approval of draft minutes from the February 5, 2021 and April 9, 2021 meeting – Veronica Galas, RN, BSN; Chair

Ms. Gabor asked to have the minutes changed on Page ten (10) of the April 9, 2021 minutes stating she believes Ms. Hoskins was the one to define obstetrics center. Ms. Hoskins and Ms. Galas also agreed.

TYREE DAVIS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5 AND APRIL 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED. LINDA GABOR SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comment— Chair Galas mentioned a point of procedure that some votes will be verbal, but when the agenda gets to voting for Board officers (agenda item 8), the voting will need to be written and will be done in the chat function. Anyone on the phone will need to email Dr. DeValliere with their vote.

Dr. DeValliere requested that attendees identify themselves in the chat box.

4. For Possible Action: Update and possible recommendations on Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) – Vickie Ives, MA, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Section Manager, Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Tami Conn presented on the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC). Ms. Conn discussed AIM updates and reported the data REDCap reporting system is complete, and they are planning to launch a kick-off meeting in early June. Starting in August or September, they will be working with hospitals to do one (1) hour learning session webinars for those that sign on to implement the hypertension bundle. Also, the

MMRC April report has been posted online at the Office of Analytics and the MCH websites, and the report covers the whole year of 2020. Ms. Conn mentioned they have sent out a request to fill one member for the MMRC and all applicants have been referred to the Director's Office for consideration for appointment.

Ms. Galas asked for questions from the Board and for the MMRC report websites to be placed in the chat.

No public Comment

5. For Possible Action: Presentation and possible recommendation on Nevada Strong Start ECCS-Health Integration Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant – Denise Tanata, JD, Nevada Strong Start Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Director, The Children's Cabinet

Ms. Galas thanked the presenter, Ms. Tanata, and asked for any discussion from the Board.

Ms. Hoskins thanked the presenter for submitting the grant application and stated this is sorely needed in this state.

Ms. Galas stated some clarification might be needed from state staff after this meeting to proceed with Board representation. It is not a usual practice to have a member of the MCHAB Board on an outside committee as a Board representative. A Chairperson may need to be appointed or a formal vote administered, either way clarification is needed to work out the details and the process.

Ms. Gabor stated this is a wonderful program, but she is also not sure how it will work to participate and will need some clarification.

Ms. Conn wanted to clarify the accuracy of the PRAMS data, stating that while the response rate is low based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations, the data is accurate and can still be used.

Ms. Tanata stated she understands the accuracy and wanted to clarify that it was more about getting a better response rate from the community and why they should participate.

Ms. Galas asked who, from this program's leadership, represents those in daycare/childcare ages one (1) through three (3) because those individuals are not yet in school and where is their representation found.

Ms. Tanata stated the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council is the governing board, and their focus is on early childhood care, and the Governor's Office appoints them. A large part of their focus is on childcare, early childhood care and education, and healthy development. However, more representation is needed from the health care side. She is looking for support from this group to help better integrate the two.

Ms. Galas asked for comments from the Board or any public comments. Ms. Galas stated hearing interest for participation, but notes they are not prepared to act today and can put this item on as

a future agenda item.

No public comment

6. For Possible Action: Presentation and possible recommendations on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) COVID-19 Data and Resources – Jen Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services

Cachet Wenzinger presented for Jen Thompson.

Ms. Galas asked for any questions from the Board.

Dr. Davis asked if the data reflects a difference between the first and second vaccine in health outcomes.

Ms. Wenzinger stated she will take all questions now and get them answered by Jen Thompson.

Dr. Davis asked, what the vaccine trends are for those between the ages of twelve (12) to fifteen (15) years of age.

Ms. Gabor asked about how many people are getting the first vaccine but not the second vaccine. She said they are seeing no-shows for the second shot and it would be interesting to see the trends.

Ms. Galas stated Pfizer vaccine is currently in the process of lowering the age of those eligible for the vaccine, potentially conflicting with getting required school vaccines. Once you have had a vaccine of any kind, you must wait 2-weeks before getting another. Ms. Galas recommended encouraging providers to get the word out about delays due to school-related vaccines and the COVID vaccine.

Ms. Galas asked for any other comments from the Board or public comments about the report. Ms. Galas stated that Ms. Wenzinger would pass all questions onto Jen Thompson to be answered, and then send an email response to those questions.

No public comment

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to draft letter of recommendation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Administrator relating to legislation presently before the 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature regarding maternal and child health including, but not limited to AB 119, AB 192, AB 198, AB 256, and AB 287 – Veronica Galas, RN, BSN; Chair.

Ms. Galas asked Ms. Gabor or the subcommittee members to share the outcomes of the subcommittee meeting related to legislation.

Ms. Gabor stated that the subcommittee met once and planned to hold a second meeting but did not have a quorum for the second meeting. Three (3) of the bills were discussed and draft letters

to the Administrator included AB 119, AB 192, and AB 287. Other discussions related to AB 198 and AB 256 were held but no letters were provided. AB 189, which expands Medicaid for up to 12 months postpartum is also up for discussion.

Ms. Galas asked Dr. DeValliere to share the letter within the packet for the committee to review.

Ms. Hoskins stated another bill to consider that was not available at the first meeting is SB 420 about a public option, and it includes the expansion of Medicaid for pregnant women.

Dr. DeValliere shared the packet with the draft letter for AB 119.

Ms. Galas thanked the subcommittee for drafting the letters provided and asked the person who drafted the letter to share their information.

Dr. Davis drafted the AB 119 letter and explained the revised provision related to the MMRC. He drafted the letter similar to past letters the Board has written with the “whereas” sections pointing out the most important parts to the bill and the final section summarizing the Board’s support of this bill.

Ms. Hoskins indicated restrictions related to getting information from the cancer registry, but this is not addressed in this bill. Ms. Hoskins asked if that information should be included as additional information for the MMRC.

Ms. Gabor asked about the third whereas and if the Advisory Committee of the Office for Minority Health and Equity is able to access confidential information regarding this bill.

Dr. Davis stated they cannot access confidential information due to HIPPA, and certain information is confidential to maintain the well-being of the patient. Dr. Davis asked if it would be advantageous for that information to be available to the Committee. Right now, they are not allowed access to this information and the third whereas is preserving that status. Dr. Davis also stated it is the right of the patient to decide what information is left confidential.

Ms. Hoskins clarified that as a member of the MMRC they have access to confidential information, but the Advisory Committee is not given the same access.

Ms. Ives confirmed the Advisory Committee has access to the report provided to them but not to the actual records.

Ms. Galas discussed drafting an additional whereas based on Ms. Hoskins earlier questions related to adding information for the MMRC and information not available in this bill.

The Board members discussed open meeting law related to the time needed to prepare any additional meetings. An additional subcommittee meeting was suggested if more time is needed to draft the letters. Minutes would need to be provided three (3) days before the meeting and with conflicting schedules, three (3) days would be cutting it close.

AB 192 information was written by Ms. Gabor: Governing testing and support for early syphilis testing and third trimester testing for pregnant persons. The goal is to voice support of early testing in pregnancy. Ms. Gabor provided the references.

Ms. Galas asked for questions or comments from the Board.

No questions or comments regarding AB 192.

AB 287 information about licensure and regulation of free-standing birth centers was written by Ms. Hoskins with references supplied to backup statements.

Dr. DeValliere stated that the backup references were provided in the packet.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated this is a controversial issue, and Nevada would benefit from having birthing centers; however, the data are not strong. The medical literature does not have strong evidence available to make the statements in this letter. Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan supports the bill but not all the statements of the draft letter.

Ms. Hoskins suggested these statements are true for American Association of Birth Centers (AABC) and Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC) birth centers and cited poor outcomes are seen in non-accredited sites. Ms. Hoskins supported the statements as fact and explained that most data regarding free-standing birthing centers are around those not accredited, but the research around accredited birthing centers is sound evidence.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated medical research is still not clear and that there is not strong evidence from medical literature. She agreed with supporting birthing centers.

Ms. Galas asked Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan if the Board needs to change the wording of the whereas or make other changes to support this letter.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan stated she is uncomfortable claiming midwifery has better outcomes than a hospital, and maybe she and Melinda should work together on this section. Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan indicated she supports this bill but has issues with the wording and evidence of support used to draft this letter.

Ms. Galas asked which specific whereas is the problem.

The Board discussed setting up another meeting to finish the letter in time to be sent out to support these bills. To do this Ms. Gabor stated it would require two (2) meetings, one (1) subcommittee meeting, and another regular Board meeting. Dr. Davis agreed to draft the letter. Dr. DeValliere clarified the bylaws, stating that the Chair (Ms. Galas) can call another meeting and public notice would need to be given. Also, individuals can draft letters individually, but they cannot meet up as a group; an additional meeting would need to be set up. The group recommended finishing by the end of this meeting. The group felt they could at least address AB 119 and AB 192 and try and finish.

Ms. Ives stated that an amendment was made to introduce gender-neutral language; however, the

gender-neutral language left out pregnancy in the MMRC bill.

Ms. Hoskins stated that another revision was being proposed.

Ms. Galas stated the Board could add a whereas statement to AB 119 to read, “Whereas it is understood there is difficulty with obtaining information from the Nevada Cancer Registry and this information would be invaluable to MMRC evaluation processes, and this is not addressed in this bill.”

Linda Anderson spoke for a public comment to be reflected in the public minutes. Ms. Anderson stated that including any limitations of the bill with the addition of faults may be seen as opposition. The Board may not want include those comments within the whereas section of the letter.

Ms. Galas stated wording could be added to the to be resolved section including the MCHAB recommendations supporting the revisions to Assembly Bill 119, as it relates to the MMRC. For future consideration, the inclusion of access to the Nevada Cancer Registry data to enhance the MMRC evaluation process may be considered.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AB 119 LETTER WAS MADE BY DR. DAVIS AND WAS SECONDED BY MS. GABOR. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AB 192 LETTER WAS MADE BY DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGRAN AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. DAVIS. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Galas asked about bill AB 287.

Ms. Gabor asked to include whereas number two (2) with the change to say, “midwifery care licensed and regulated residential-like setting,” so it adds licensed and regulated; this has been the established pattern of care endorsed by the American Association of Birth Centers since inception. The sixth (6) whereas the AABC has set evidence-based standards for free-standing birth centers since 1985, and these standards are regularly re-evaluated based on ongoing research and outcomes, which have resulted in excellent outcomes. The last whereas accredited by the CABC since 1985 assures that an accredited facility consistently meets the standard of care for birthing centers.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan mentioned she is comfortable with the changes. Although in the second to the last whereas it says resulted in excellent outcomes as compared to unlicensed and unregulated. She noted the other option is making a statement that the AABC has set evidence-based standards since 1985. These standards are reevaluated based on the outcomes of free-standing birth centers. She suggested not including the statements about the outcomes.

Ms. Galas asked to formulate AB 287 discussion into a motion. Ms. Galas asked for the letter regarding AB 287 to provide for the licensing and regulation of free-standing birthing centers, eliminate whereas number one (1), include whereas number two (2) to say midwifery care in a licensed and regulated facility and the rest of the whereas remain the same, eliminate whereas three

(3) through five (5), revise the whereas on the American Association of Birthing Centers noting the AABC has set the evidence-based standard since 1985 and these standards are regularly evaluated based on the outcomes of free-standing birthing centers, include whereas seven (7), and include the be it resolved.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan mentioned fully supporting the changes, and states that the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology considers accredited free-standing birthing centers as a safe place to give birth.

Ms. Galas asked if whereas seven (7), as accredited by the CABC since 1985 assures an accredited facility consistently meets the standards of care for birthing centers. She also asked if it should be added to the be it resolved, or should they just add another whereas to what Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan said.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan recommended the additional whereas and would mention the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) support accredited birth centers.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan acknowledged Ms. Hoskins as having invested a great deal of effort in this letter, and that Ms. Hoskins did great work with a lot of data in the document. She stated she thinks this bill is important, and the Board should support it.

DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE AMENDEMENTS, AS STATED, AND MS. GABOR SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Dr. Davis asked if the MCHAB is just sending the letter or including the supporting data.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan motions to only include the letter.

Ms. Galas asked Ms. Gabor, is her motion to include only the letter?

Ms. Gabor stated yes, only the letter.

Ms. Galas stated they have a motion on the floor with a second to send just the letter with the amendments of the Board. She thanked everyone for the important work and appreciated the hard work and coming to a consensus. She acknowledged the accomplishment.

DR. TYREE DAVIS MOTIONED TO DRAFT THE LETTER TO THE ADMISTRATOR FOR BILLS AB 119, AB 192, AB 287, AND DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment

8. **For Possible Action: Discussion and possible recommendation regarding consideration of new appointees and/ or to renew expiring terms for MCHAB members and elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Recommendation will be submitted to the Administrator for consideration of submission to the Nevada State Board of Health for consideration of renewal appointment – Veronica Galas, RN, BSN, Chair.**

Vice Chair, Dr. Tyree Davis and Chair, Veronica Galas will be stepping down from their positions. A new Chair and Vice Chair will need to be elected.

Ms. Galas stated this item needs discussion and possible recommendations for the consideration of new appointees or the renewal of expiring terms for members of the MCHAB. The Board also needs to hold elections for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to replace the outgoing members. The recommendations will be submitted to the administration of the Nevada State Board of Health for consideration for renewal of appointments. She asked Dr. DeValliere to give the Board an update on where this stands.

Dr. DeValliere stated MCH staff sent a Doodle poll to see who was interested in staying on the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. Of the members who did respond, several indicated they wished to remain on the Board. There are two (2) members who are unable to continue with the Board, Dr. Davis, and Ms. Galas.

Ms. Galas stated she soon is going to be shifting her position within the Public Health Department in Carson City, so she will no longer be on this Board.

Dr. Davis stated he will also be taking a different position, and as a result he will not be able to continue on this Board as the Vice-Chair. Dr. Davis mentioned it has been an honor to serve on this Board for over fourteen-years and it has helped him understand the needs of Maternal and Child Health populations and the needs of children with special health care needs.

Dr. DeValliere stated the MCH staff will draft a memo to notify the Administrator about the members expressing an interest to continue as MCHAB members and about the two vacancies. Staff can also send a notice about the openings to the MCHAB listserv. At this point, anyone with an interest in serving would be able to submit their name and resume. Their interest will be submitted to the Administrator for consideration.

Ms. Ives mentioned the Administrator selects the appointments and then it goes to the Board of Health to be confirmed, so it would not go back to the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.

Ms. Galas stated thank you, Ms. Ives. Ms. Galas encouraged Dr. Davis to recommend a person with an interest in oral health for this Board, as oral health has always been important. If you have anyone that you can recommend, they would be valuable as far as submissions to this Board.

Dr. Davis mentioned he might have someone very interested in child mortality, which is very specific to this committee as well.

Ms. Galas stated the entire Board will have the ability to encourage individuals to apply when the position becomes available, and she has not heard of any other members that are unable to continue to serve on the Board. The first thing needed to do is a motion that would request the Administrator put forth the names of the current Board members minus Ms. Galas and Dr. Davis, to the Board of Health for consideration as members of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.

DR. TYREE DAVIS MOTIONS THE MEMBERS THAT ARE STAYING ON THE BOARD BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINSTRATOR FOR APPROVAL AND MS. HOSKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNAMIOUSLY.

Dr. DeValliere stated the voting is strictly for the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Galas stated the next action would be the Board bringing forward a Chair and Vice Chair for election and asked if there was anyone who would like to express an intention to serve as a Chair or Vice-Chair.

Ms. Hoskins stated she would be interested in serving as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Galas stated the Chair or Vice-Chair would be working with Dr. DeValliere on agenda items. The main role is to facilitate these meetings and coordinate the agenda with presentations. The Vice-Chair and Chair can also work with Dr. DeValliere to put their own spin on how it can function in the future. Ms. Galas asked Ms. Gabor if the Chair position is something she in which she would be interested.

Ms. Gabor mentioned she would consider Vice-Chair but because of her travel schedule it would be difficult to be Chair.

Dr. Davis mentioned the Vice-Chair would be there to support her when she had to travel.

Ms. Gabor asked Ms. Hopkins if she would be interested in being the Chair.

Ms. Hoskins stated she has too many other professional commitments. Ms. Hoskins is on the Board of MMRC and Vice President of the Nevada Community of Midwives and has other personal and community-related commitments. Ms. Hoskins stated she is happy to serve on this committee and fill in for now but would not like to be Chair.

Dr. Davis stated if we do not elect a Chairperson, then the Vice-Chair would run the meetings.

Ms. Galas asked if it is possible to elect a Vice-Chair today that would run the next meeting and the next meeting would be to elect the Chair.

Dr. DeValliere displayed the bylaws . Dr. DeValliere stated he does not believe there is any alternative to the bylaws. The members of the MCHAB shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among their membership at the second meeting of the biennium, which this is this meeting. Election shall be by a majority of all voting members. Ballots shall be written

unless there is only one nominee for the office. If a majority vote is not received on the first ballot, balloting shall continue until one member receives a majority of the votes. The terms of office for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are in accordance with all other members and shall be for two years with eligibility for reelections. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the office and duties of the Chairperson.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked if there are some Board members not on the phone that would be willing to consider running as Chair.

Dr. Davis stated from the standpoint of members that are regularly present. Dr. Brill is another member that they could consider as other members of the Board are more frequently absent for the meetings.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan mentioned Dr. Kohn is a frequent attendee.

Dr. Galas stated Dr. DeValliere did solicit people interested prior to today's meeting. Ms. Galas stated she is not aware if they put forth any interest.

Dr. DeValliere stated the email sent to the MCHAB members was to give them a chance to express continued interest to serve as members; however, none of the members expressed interest in serving as Chair or Vice-Chair.

Ms. Gabor stated she will go ahead and run for Chair with the understanding of patience and support from those that are more experienced.

Ms. Hoskins stated the Board is happy to stand behind Ms. Gabor.

Ms. Galas thanked Ms. Gabor and noted the staff is very helpful.

DR. TYREE DAVIS MOTIONED TO NOMINATE LINDA GABOR FOR CHAIR AND MELINDA HOSKINS FOR VICE-CHAIR OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD. DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Galas stated in the bylaws that an election is needed unless there is only one nomination for each position, so an election is not necessary. Ms. Galas asked for any further discussion.

Dr. Davis asked to clarify if we do not have to have a written ballot if there is only one nominee for each position.

Ms. Galas stated that was the case according to the bylaws.

MS. GALAS MENTIONED THE MOTION IS APPROVED. MS. GABOR WILL BE THE CHAIR AND MS. HOSKINS WILL BE THE VICE CHAIR.

Dr. Matsunaga-Kirgan asked if either Ms. Galas or Dr. Davis would be interested in staying on

as a member even though have resigned from Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Galas mentioned she is not clear on timelines. If it is possible, she would submit an application to be a member.

Ms. Gabor asked for clarification that she is an intermittent registered nurse in Washoe Country, not a full-time employee.

Ms. Ives thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for their incredible service to the committee and noted what an impact they have made for the maternal health populations in this state. The MCH staff is appreciative of their work and the Chair's steady hand to make this Board run smoothly.

Ms. Galas stated a thank you to all and mentioned how dedicated, passionate, and active participants are and noted she appreciated them.

9. INFORMATIONAL: Discussion on MCH Reports and MCH Updates – Mitch DeValliere, DC, Title V MCH Program Manager, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Dr. DeValliere presented MCH is now part of Promoting Innovation in the State and Territorial MCH Policy Making known as PRISM. It is an effort extending the work of the Opioid Use Disorder, Maternal Outcomes, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative (OMNI) program. MCH is looking forward to working with the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). AMCHP leads many of these efforts and MCH has a great collaboration with them. Dr. DeValliere mentioned the Nevadabreastfeeds.org, website was updated and launched on April 20, 2021.

Ms. Galas thanked Dr. DeValliere for keeping the Board up to date.

No Public Comment

10. Make recommendation for future agenda items – Veronica Galas, RN, BSN, Chair

Ms. Galas asked if anyone has any future agenda items for the August meeting. If not, agenda items can be submitted to Dr. DeValliere thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting. A request was made for more information on the current legislature outcomes. The next meeting will be in August, and the Board would like to know what happened with the current bills they have worked on and what the results were.

Dr. DeValliere stated MCH would usually have a presentation about the application and report for the Title V Block Grant. However, HRSA has extended the deadline to submit the report until after September 1, 2021. With the current situation, they will not be holding a site visit until late September. Dr. DeValliere stated the report will be provided at the MCHAB meeting in November. COVID updates could also be a possible agenda item.

Ms. Galas stated Fatima Taylor's microphone is not working but she is agreeing to the agenda items.

Ms. Galas stated she is curious about the MMRC report that came out. The Board has been so active in MMRC discussions, a presentation of that report may be something of interest. Ms. Galas mentioned there is no vote needed for these agenda items, just possible ideas. She asked if there were any other comments or agenda items. Ms. Galas stated she will move on to public comments if there are no comments or other agenda items. Ms. Galas would like to remind individuals there were two bills AB 189 and SB 420 that were related to expanding Medicaid to women 12 months postpartum. Recommendations did not come about from the MCHAB, but individuals can still show their support, and comments can be made on NELIS.

No Public Comment.

Happy Mother's Day!

Meeting adjourned at 11:54AM.

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