

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
DRAFT MINUTES  
February 5, 2021  
9:00 AM**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on February 5, 2021, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tyree G. Davis, D.D.S

Keith Brill, MD

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

Chair Veronica (Roni) Galas

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT**

Karissa Loper, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, Child Family and Community Wellness (CFCW)

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

Yesenia Pacheco, Program Coordinator, Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), MCAH, CFCW

Jazmin Sarmiento, Program Coordinator, Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP), MCAH, CFCW

Elizabeth Komito Program Coordinator, MIECHV, CFCW

Vanessa Rauch, Program Coordinator, Account for Family Planning, MCAH, CFCW

Lawanda Jones, Grants and Project Analyst and PRAMS Coordinator, 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

Lisa Light, Accounting Assistant III, Immunization Program and MCAH, CFCW

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Allyson Juneau-Butler, M.Ed., CPM, LM-Midwives College of Utah/National College of Midwifery

Lezlie Mayville, Governor's Office, Patient Protection Commission

Linda Anderson, JD, Nevada Public Health Foundation  
Lea Cartwright. Children's Advocacy Alliance  
Antonia Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, Nevada State Dental Health Officer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Denise Tanata, JD  
Dominique Seck, Nevada's Office of Minority Health and Equity  
Yarleny Roa-Dugan, RN, Patient Protection Commission  
Jennifer Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services  
Jollina Simpson, IBCLC, President, Kijiji Sisterhood

**1. Call to Order- Roll Call and Introductions**

Dr. Tyree Davis called the meeting to order at 9:01AM.

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

**2. Public Comment**

Denise Tanata commented about a Health Resources Services Administration grant opportunity benefitting prenatal to three-year-old children. She encouraged MCHAB members to provide input. She would like to give a presentation at the next MCHAB meeting.

**3. Approval of draft minutes from November 6, 2020, meeting – Tyree G. Davis D.D.S**

**MELINDA HOSKINS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. LINDA GABOR SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Presentation and approval of possible recommendations on Oral Health: A Maternal and Child Health Priority- Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, Nevada State Dental Health Officer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Dr. Davis indicated women over age twenty-one (21) need to receive periodontal care during pregnancy and added many patients think it is normal to lose teeth during pregnancy, but it is not normal. Vertical transmission transfers bacteria to the infant/child. Dr. Davis stated it's sad there are many dentists afraid to work with pregnant women. Communication with Obstetrician-Gynecologist (OB-GYN) providers is necessary in case of complications, and noted dentists want to work with OB-GYNs. Dr. Davis stated that dentists want to work on pregnant clients, but their doctors know the patient better than the dentist. Dentists also want to communicate with the OB-GYNs if any medication is needed.

Dr. Keith Brill stated he has never refused a patient to receive dental treatment during pregnancy. There is a standard form in his office indicating all the medications safe to use during pregnancy. Dr. Brill stated he could not think of any reason to refuse dental treatment.

Dr. Capurro stated there is a referral pad for the OB-GYN to check off which medications are allowed, and the patient can take the form to their dentist. With Medicaid, time is essential, so the patient needs to get the service done during pregnancy, or Medicaid will not cover the services. Dr. Capurro wants to investigate a way to get this resource out to the public.

Dr. Davis stated dentists want to make sure there is nothing to be concerned about with the patient. Dentists need to know about the pregnancy and not create any patient problems. He suggests that a better education process needs to be done by the dental profession.

Dr. Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan stated as an OB-GYN, she strongly supports dental disease treatment. She also thinks Dr. Capurro's referral slip allowing the patient to go to the dentist is a great way to bypass barriers mentioned earlier by Dr. Brill.

Dr. Capurro stated that she could share the information with the Board.

Dr. Davis stated this is an action item. He asked Dr. Capurro if she had any questions for the Board or anyway the Board could help her.

Dr. Capurro suggests help getting the word out to children across the state about "Sip and Flip" would be beneficial. Children are coming into dental offices with more emergencies. There is a need to get the flyers disseminated and get the word out to the community and resources for the rural Nevada project.

Dr. Davis stated there is a mobile clinic for the rural areas.

Dr. Davis asked for any public comment.

Jollina Simpson stated she heard a lot of parent shaming in the presentation. She said it is essential to educate without shaming when it comes to community action. Ms. Simpson also indicated it is important to address poverty as a co-conspirator when families seek care and miss work. She said spoken words affect the community.

Dr. Davis stated that we need to focus on the education process. It's how you say something, and not just what you say.

Allyson Juneau-Butler stated it's crucial to include midwives to get the message out to all.

Dr. Davis asked how they would like dentists to help as dentists are always looking for a way to educate patients.

Dr. Capurro encouraged Ms. Butler to reach out if she has any questions.

**5. Presentation and approval of possible recommendations on MCH Epidemiologist report on Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Data, Low Birth Weight and Periodontal Disease – Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD, MCH Epidemiologist, Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

Dr. Davis indicated there is a problem with the educational aspect of going to the dentist, and it is the dental profession's problem. He stated it is difficult to know when it is the right time to educate about going to the dentist since the dentist doesn't know when someone will become pregnant.

Dr. Davis indicated that this is an action item if Ms. Griffin had any questions for the Board.

Ms. Griffin stated no but encouraged promoting the PRAMS study.

Tami Conn stated they could mail out brochures to their offices to promote the PRAMS survey. It is important to let patients know that PRAMS is a legitimate survey.

Melinda Hoskins asked if there could be a campaign like the “Go Before You Show” campaign to have people respond to the PRAMS survey.

Ms. Conn stated the program has done social media and radio campaigns.

Dr. Brill stated there are many offices in Nevada, but only a certain number of places deliver babies. He asked if we could get in touch with all labor and delivery floors and birthing centers to give them brochures.

Ms. Conn stated that each mom who has a baby receives a “pink packet” which contains a brochure.

Dr. Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan stated when the patients go home, they have plenty of paperwork, but most families will not go through the paperwork with a newborn. If the health care providers and post-partum nurses point this out, it will help, and she was pretty sure a meeting could be arranged with the nursing staff at UMC and staff could ask their participation in speaking to the patients.

Ms. Conn indicated that would be great.

Ms. Hoskins stated that it’s not a good time to do a lot of teaching for the mothers at the hospital.

Dr. Davis stated mothers have so much going on during that time. He suggested pediatric check-ups might be where moms are more open to education.

No Public Comment

**6. Presentation and approval of possible recommendations on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) COVID-19 Data and Resources – Jennifer Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services**

Dr. Davis stated he continues to see the positive rate in ages 20-39. He has concern over super spreader events, and he hopes people will take COVID-19 more seriously.

Dr. Davis indicated this is an action item if anyone has any comments or questions.

Ms. Thompson stated no.

Dr. Davis stated he was alarmed about the increase in deaths but was excited to hear about the vaccine getting out to the public. He encouraged those eligible to receive the vaccine to do so as soon as possible.

Vickie Ives stated the long-haul data requested in the last MCHAB meeting was not currently being collected per Office of Analytics and there might be routes through other data sources in the future.

Dr. Davis stated he has seen that there is difficulty collecting data.

Dr. Brill asked if the state has rapid testing. He stated getting everyone tested more frequently might get the rates under control, and vaccines are also a priority at this point.

Dr. Davis stated people getting tested more often will help keep the spread of COVID-19 down.

Ms. Ives indicated she is more than happy to follow up to see if we could get a response about rapid testing.

Dr. Brill stated that pushing widespread testing at a federal level and in Nevada would be helpful.

No Public Comment

**7. Presentation and approval of 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**

Ms. Ives presented on the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC). She was pleased to announce they are very close to finalizing AIM's data system. Once the AIM leads approve, staff will move forward for planning outreach to birthing hospitals on implementing the patient safety bundle to prevent maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. She noted the release of the MMRC report and the Office of Analytics maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity reports.

Ms. Simpson stated that several members have a strong interest in improving maternal health in Nevada.

Dr. Brill stated he is not on the MMRC but deals with ACOG. He believes the regional ACOG MMRC semiannual meeting will be in March.

Ms. Ives stated MMRC support staff plan participate. She also noted the ACOG Region in which Nevada is located has a preventable maternal mortality percentage of 80% as opposed to 60 to 64% nationally.

Ms. Simpson stated the support of the Board helps with these cases. Not speaking to the community has a significant impact on the medical staff.

Dr. Davis asked if there was a specific ask since it is an action item.

Ms. Ives stated no.

No Public Comment

**8. Updates and approval of possible recommendations on selected MCH related Bill Draft Requests(BDRs) of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session – Mitch DeValliere, DC, Title V MCH Program Manager, Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

Dr. Davis asked if Dr. DeValliere could provide the website where people can go to look up the BDRs.

Dr. DeValliere stated that he would provide the link for the members to check the BDRs.

Dr. Davis stated this is an action item. During the previous legislative session, the MCHAB created a legislative subcommittee where MCHAB members reviewed and decided which bills needed to be identified to make recommendations. He highly encouraged this to happen this session. He stated he was willing to accept a motion for the legislative subcommittee.

**DR. BRILL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUBCOMMITTEE. LINDA GABOR SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Gabor stated last time we had a meeting to get feedback on topics of focus. Ms. Gabor asked if they would consider the meeting again this session.

Dr. Davis stated yes.

Ms. Gabor stated that if she remembered correctly, the MCHAB prioritized which of the BDR's to include recommendations.

Ms. Ives stated the Chair could call a meeting at any time and noted if the motion passes with the voice vote, they can move forward with the subcommittee.

Dr. Davis asked for the motion to be reread.

Ms. Ives stated there was a motion on formation of a subcommittee to review bills and BDR's for a possible letter to the Administrator with recommendations.

Dr. Davis stated motion carried.

Dr. Davis asked if any Board members would like to participate.

Ms. Hoskins stated she would serve again.

Ms. Gabor stated she would serve again.

Dr. Brill stated he would help.

Ms. Simpson stated she would be happy to help.

No Public Comment

**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 highlighted key points related to the MCH updates.

Dr. Davis asked for any additional comments

No Public Comment

**10. Make recommendations for future agenda items**

Dr. Davis stated Denise Tanata would present at the next meeting for the ECCS. Other agenda items include COVID data update, MCH reports, MMRC, and BDR updates. Dr. Davis reminded the MCHAB they could submit any additional agenda items before the next meeting on May 7, 2021.

Dr. Davis asked for any additional comments.

No public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

**DR. MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MELINDA HOSKINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting adjourned at 11:02AM.