

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 3, 2024
9:00 AM

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) held a public meeting on May 3, 2024, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the following locations:

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melinda Hoskins, MS

Keith Brill, MD

Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD

Lora Redmond, BSN, RNC-OB, C-FMC

Roshanda Clemons, MD, FAAP

Mario Gaspar de Alba, MD

Elika Nematian, MPH

Katie Hackler, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, CGN

Fatima Taylor, M.Ed., CPM

Senator Rochelle Nguyen

Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF
PRESENT

Tami Conn, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief,
Child, Family and Community Wellness
(CFCW)

Andrea Valenzuela, MSW, Section
Manager, MCAH, CFCW

Tierra Sears, Office Manager, MCAH,
CFCW

Desiree Wenzel, Bureau Office Manager,
MCAH, CFCW

Cortnee Smith, Social Work 2, MCAH,
CFCW

Shannon Frazer, HRA1, MCAH, CFCW

Cassius Adams, MS, HPS1, MCAH, CFCW

Max Moskowitz, MPH, HPS2, MCAH,
CFCWHPS2, MCAH, CFCW

Lisa Light, Accounting Assistant III,
DPBH, CFCW

Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit Deputy
Bureau Chief, CFCW, DPBH

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeanne Freeman, PhD, CHES, Deputy Director for Carson City Health, and Human Services

Kelly Verling, RN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Northern Nevada Public Health

Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case Government Affairs

Carmen F. Jones, MD, Division of Child and Family Services

Gwendolyn Greene, Division of Child and Family Services

1. Call to Order- Roll Call and Introductions- Melina Hoskins, MS- Vice Chair

Acting Chair Melinda Hoskins called the May 3, 2024, meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

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

Tierra Sears requested attendees identify themselves in the Microsoft Teams chat box.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item unless the matter is included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. The chair of the MCHAB will place a five (5) minute time limit on the time individuals addressing the MCHAB. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 754 414 639#. Members of the public utilizing the call-in (audio only) number may raise their hand by pressing *5. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of draft minutes from the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting on February 2, 2024.

MELINDA HOSKINS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2023, MEETING MINUTES. DR. GASPAR DE ALBA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. DR. BRILL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Recommendation of new appointees and/or to renew expiring terms on June 30, 2024, for MCHAB members. Recommendations will be submitted to the Administrator for consideration for submission to the Nevada State Board of Health for consideration, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 442.133(2)a – Tami Conn, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, CFCW

Lora Redmond mentioned that she would love to continue and renew her membership, Katie Hackler informed the committee that she would not be renewing her membership. Ms. Conn stated a motion would need to be made for the renewal letters to be sent to the Nevada State Board of Health for the renewal and a request

for interest application to search for a replacement board member.

MS. HOSKINS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO RENEW MS. REDMONDS RENEWAL AND SEEKING A NEW MEMBER TO FILL MS. HACKLER'S POSITION. DR. BRILL MOTIONED TO APPROVED THE REQUEST MADE BY MS. HOSKINS. ELIKA NEMATIAN SECONDED THE MOTIONS WHICH THEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Election of Chair for the MCHAB. Elected nominee will be submitted to the Administrator for consideration for submission the Nevada State Board of Health for consideration, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 442.133(2)a – Tami Conn, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, CFCW

Ms. Conn launched a poll for the new chair and asked for those members to take a vote.

Dr. Brill received the most votes and accepted the position as Chair. Ms. Conn stated a motion was needed to proceed.

DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA KIRGAN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT DR. BRILL AS THE NEW CHAIR. MS. HACKLER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No Public Comment.

6. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Mario Gaspar de Alba, MD

Dr. Gaspar de Alba gave a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder that highlighted the key components of the effects of alcohol use during pregnancy. The presentation included in-depth analysis defining the population of women at an increased risk of drinking while pregnant. In addition, Dr. Gaspar de Alba's presentation explained in detail the effects of FASD on the fetus beginning with the embryo stage and continuing throughout the pregnancy. He explained how these effects eventually follow the fetus and child as they grow, and how FASD is eventually diagnosed by a doctor. Some of the issues caused by FASD range from developmental delays and cognitive and behavioral impairments. FASD is often invisible and misdiagnosed.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba opened it to questions.

Dr. Clemons thanked Dr. Gaspar de Alba for his presentation and then proceeded to ask how much campaigning and social media awareness is being promoted to people of childbearing age and younger, such as high school aged youth.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba explained it falls under the education and persuasion part of the prevention program and the importance of educating everyone of the dangers of drinking. He stated that the program found when focusing on a positive message the information was found to be more useful. Dr. Gaspar de Alba stated there could be more ads and social media to show that there to make people aware that this is a problem.

Vice Chair Hoskins asked for any Public Comment.

Ms. Conn asked Dr. Gasper de Alba to clarify that multidisciplinary clinics are the best options for support for the family and to confirm if there are none in Nevada or none funded in Nevada.

Dr. Gasper de Alba informed Ms. Conn that the multidisciplinary clinics are for assessment and treatment. The University of Nevada Reno has started one, but does have an issue with funding, and that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas does have one.

Ms. Conn thanked Dr. Gasper de Alba for clarifying and asked him if he knew the number of doctors that were in Nevada that can treat children that suffered from FASD and how can a multidisciplinary team help, including for a child that has disciplinary issues in school.

Dr. Gasper de Alba stated there are doctors specifically trained to do Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) based treatment in the South. He is unsure if there is any the North. He stated in his practice there are classes for parents to come and learn how to handle those situations, but again is unsure if those are offered in the North.

Ms. Conn asked if there are only a handful in the South that means rural access is minimal if not nothing.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba stated that is correct.

Dr. Clemons mentioned that the school would have to play a strong role. The parents need to be referred to early intervention services to get Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and special services, that is something that needs to be spoken about.

Dr. Gasper de Alba stated that FASD has been requested to be added to IEPs eligibility criteria because it is different, it is not just one impairment it is several at once.

Vice Chair Hoskins mentioned that MCHAB needs to make a recommendation to the legislature to look for funding and those sorts of things.

Ms. Conn mentioned that this agenda item is for information only and that this could be on the agenda next time as an action item.

Vice Chair Hoskins said thank you.

Dr. Gasper de Alba stated he would be happy to provide a list of intervention and prevention programs that might be fundable.

Ms. Conn stated we could have that as the action item on the agenda next time.

Dr. Gasper de Alba stated he would put it together.

Ms. Conn stated she had one other question, asking based on his presentation the screening is key, that 60-80 percent of pregnant people screened can be helped, does the screening have to be by the provider, or can they be done by the medical assistant. From personal experience, when medical assistants conduct screening information for substance use, they are very different from when a provider asks.

Dr. Gasper de Alba informed Ms. Conn they can be done by anyone, and that Ms. Conn is correct, that the way the questions are asked can give a different answer, but they are a jumping off point for the providers to have a conversation.

Ms. Conn brought up to be a future agenda action item, have we ever considered doing, or is there any type of training for the medical assistant to conduct these screenings effectively.

Dr. Gasper de Alba agreed that training is a good idea.

Dr. Clemons asked where we fall on a surveillance level in comparison to a national average?

Dr. Gasper de Alba asked if she was speaking about the percentage of the population.

Dr. Clemon clarified that yes, it would help drive the possible legislation for support.

Dr. Gasper de Alba stated Nevada is higher than the national average.

Dr. Matsunaga Kirgan mentioned that she would like to connect with Dr. Gasper de Alba offline to see what he could do to help with her obstetric clinics to make an impact in the area as she is with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), OBGYN Department.

Dr. Gasper de Alba accepted the invitation, asking Tami for assistance to help them contact through email.

Ms. Conn accepted and mentioned that Dr. Brill would like to speak.

Dr. Brill suggested regarding the legislature part of the discussion. that MCHAB has an Assemblywoman on the committee, as well as a Senator and asked if working with them for bill draft requests as part of the next agenda item and recommended being as specific as possible.

Vice Chair Hoskins mentioned that was a great idea.

Senator Rochelle Nguyen stated the more specific the item is the better and that Assemblywoman Tracy Brown May and herself are looking for pieces of legislation they can shepherd that have been vetted and are very specific. She shared they are looking forward to working with MCHAB in the future.

No Further Public Comment.

7. INFORMATIONAL: Presentation on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Reports and MCH Updates – Tami Conn, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, CFCW, DPBH

Ms. Conn gave a brief presentation on MCH, starting off by introducing Anastasia Cadwallader (Tasha) the new Title V MCH Program Manager. She announced that Renown resigned as the Cribs for Kids State affiliate and through a request for applications, Dignity Health was awarded the funding, so they are the new Cribs for Kids statewide partner. She introduced the MCAH Section Manager Andrea Valenzuela. In addition to those updates Ms. Conn explained that the Title V team is working on the current year grant application that is due in July, stating 2025 is the year that requires the five (5) year needs assessment, but that will be worked on in the latter half of 2024.

No Public Comment

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Updates and possible recommendations regarding the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee – Tami Conn, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, CFCW DPBH

Ms. Conn mentioned there are no major updates and they are still working on doing outreach to the birth facilities in the state to onboard. The program is launching the Obstetric Hemorrhage Bundle and is still gathering data on the Hypertension Bundle. Ms. Conn stated there are a few updates regarding MMRC starting off with the team attending the National MMRC meeting with CDC last month. Ms. Conn informed the committee that one of the Social Workers from the Nevada MMRC helped CDC in a workgroup publish a new version of the informant interviewing guide on the CDC website. In addition, Ms. Conn went over the role of the interviewers' job description briefly. Ms. Conn also stated there is a spot open on the MMRC. Applicants are needed and it will be open until May 24, 2024.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba asked where the applicants needed to be sent.

Ms. Conn replied stating that those applying can just send their resume or CV and a letter of interest to either Vickie Ives or herself or both and the request for applications is part of the packet

No Public Comment

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Make recommendations for future agenda items – Melinda

Hoskins, MS – Vice Chair

Assemblywoman Brown-May wanted to follow up on what Senator Nguyen said earlier. She stated that whatever possible legislative action we can certainly work on, she looks forward to seeing as an agenda item in future meetings. She also mentioned how grateful she is to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity and this is one of the best meetings that she has participated in over the last month and that she appreciates the information that has been shared and she found this participation very valuable.

Senator Nguyen stated she shared her contact information in the chat. Senator Nguyen stated she was not sure if it would be useful for the rest of the Board, but she is happy to present a Legislative 101 presentation during the meeting to explain how the entire process works and she thanked the Board for the great meeting and was excited when she received the letter appointing her to the Board.

Vice Chair Hoskins agreed on the presentation being useful.

Dr. Clemons asked if the presentation from either Assemblywoman Brown-May or Senator Nguyen could be added to the agenda for our next meeting.

Ms. Conn stated she has that written down as an agenda item.

No Public Comment

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No Public Comment

11. Adjournment

Approved Future Dates:
August 2, 2024 – 9am
November 1, 2024 – 9am

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.