

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

December 2, 2021

Members	
Attendees	Absent
Jeff Miller	Karla Fittipaldi
Renée Alger	Viveka Rydell-Anderson*
Rachel Napoli	Ashley Chavez
Natalie Johnson	Elizabeth Smith
Annie Nicol	Melissa Apuya*
Stephanie Montez	Gina Berry
Hannah Watson	Leatisia Mankaa
Mayra Gallegos	Marta Tilling*
	Bonnie Hayne*
	Kathy Kane*
	Gina Cuclis*

*Excused absence

**Pending Approval by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Staff Present Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Colette Mc Geough, RN, PHN Supervisor, MCAH/CHVP Director, and Jenny Mercado, Epidemiologist.

Call to Order Dr. Jeff Miller called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

Correspondence No correspondence was received. Although Dr. Miller did report having a conversation with Kelly Noe regarding the importance of upstream investing and she was very open to collaborating and connecting with us.

Meeting Minutes Natalie Johnson motioned to approve the November minutes, Hannah Watson seconded the motion to approve, and the minutes were approved.

Discussion Dr. Renee Alger then gave the members a slide presentation regarding First 5 Sonoma County's declaration to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to make January 2022 Positive Parenting Month. These slides showed that 90% of those certified in a positive parenting intervention work with children ages 0-5 years, and 94% of the providers reported working with families who are at risk of CPS intervention. The effects of COVID have impacted Sonoma County families and added additional stressors, which can result in higher rates of child maltreatment. Evidence shows that pivoting from a punitive style to a positive parenting method reduces stress for both the child and the parent. Dr. Alger requested a letter of support from the MCAH AB members to be submitted with their declaration to the BOS.

Jenny Mercado then gave a slides presentation to the AB on Maternal Morbidity Data for Sonoma County. This included many topics including Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Fetal Death, Gestational Diabetes, Syphilis, and Congenital Syphilis, which in Northern California experienced an increase in 2019-2020 by 29%. The screenings also increased from 74% in 2014 to 89% in 2020. Delivery-related Sepsis was also discussed although our county has less than 1% per 1,000 hospitalizations and this rate is similar to the California rate. Jenny is waiting to hear back from UCSF regarding Maternal Substance Use data as they are modifying their methodology with the new ICD-10 and she is also waiting to receive the most recent MIHA data, which should be released any day now. This data will include alcohol exposure during the last 3 months of pregnancy, postpartum depression, and information on breastfeeding exclusively during the first 5 months.

Dr. Alger asked Jenny if she had more information on mood disorders and the hospitalization rate for women 15-44. She also asked about the huge disparity in race for hospitalization for pregnant women for substance use disorder. Jenny agreed stating this is exactly what she is waiting for. Dr. Miller said this is why Jenny's work is so vital for the MCAH program. Annie Nicol asked if prenatal screening is standardized or is dependent upon the

type of insurance, is there a statistical difference, for congenital syphilis for example? The answer was unknown.

Natalie Johnson then shared a summary on the past and present work/goals of the MCAH AB, for the membership to review and if agreed by membership to share this summary with the BOS. It was agreed that Jenny's data points should be included, and to highlight the fact that this is upstream investing, Dr. Miller noted that an AB summary should be sent out twice a year to the BOS to create familiarity with the MCAH AB work and objectives. The mission statement should also be included in the letter and an ad hoc committee will draft the letter. Colette will consult re the current MCAH scope of work objectives, but cannot sign as an employee of the county.

Advisory Board Election Renee Alger nominated Natalie Johnson as Vice Chair and she was elected as Vice-Chair. Dr. Miller will remain as chair for one more year. Colette thanked Martha, the previous Vice Chair, for all her MCAH work and time commitments over the past years.

State Legislature No report.

Staff Report Colette reported nothing new.

Public Comment Kim Caldewey, Healthy Communities Section Manager, and Brittany Lobo, Home Visiting Manager were in attendance.

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Passed Motions
Minutes from November were approved.
Handouts
Action Items
Natalie Johnson was elected as Vice-Chair

2022 Meeting Dates			
February 3	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
March 3	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
April 7	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
May 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
June 2	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
August 4	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
September 1	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
October 6	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
November 3	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
December 1	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
MCAH AB Web Site			
https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Maternal-Child-and-Adolescent-Health-Advisory-Board/			