

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

November 7, 2019

Members	
Attendees	Absent
Jeff Miller	Jessica Vergara*
Gina Cuclis	Melanie Dodson*
Marta Tilling	Bonnie Hayne*
Karla Fittipaldi	Annie Nicol*
Guinevere Zabinsky	Viveka Rydell-Anderson*
Gina Berry	Natalie Johnson*
Hannah Watson**	Kathy Kane*
Renée Alger**	Rachel Napoli
Elizabeth Smith	Melissa Apuya*
Stephanie Montez	

*Excused absence

**Pending Approval by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Guests

No guests were present

Staff Present

Tracy Greenwald, MCAH Director and Janette Allee, Administrative Aide were present

Call to Order

Dr. Jeff Miller called the meeting to order at 12:36pm and introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes

Gina Cuclis motioned to approve the October minutes, Marta Tilling seconded the motion to approve and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Discussion

Dr. Miller reported that he had met with Supervisor Lynda Hopkins and spoke with her regarding the MCAH Advisory Board and said she understands the work that the Advisory Board does. Hopkins also mentioned that in the upcoming new year Supervisor Gorin will be focusing on future goals, and it may be helpful for us to have a seat at the table in order to be represented during the Board of Supervisor Meetings.

Tracy Greenwald-Brown then reminded the group about the process of how we determine the problem statements based on community surveys and focus groups. She explained that we as the local health jurisdiction is required to then create a 5 year plan to address these issues and the barriers to receiving care.

The problem statement we planned to concentrate on at this meeting was, "infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome experience suboptimal health outcomes due to competing priorities between medical providers, child welfare, and treatment and probation systems resulting in poor communication and lack of coordination of care and timely services for families".

Much discussion arose concerning inconsistencies between different hospitals and medical providers and how they respond to women who give birth while on medical assisted treatment for their substance use. Some are allowed to breastfeed and have skin to skin contact with their babies and some are not. Other discrepancies were related to drug screening procedures which appear to be arbitrarily applied based on health insurance coverage or appearances. Not all hospitals seem to be following the same protocols.

Annie Nicol requested more demographic data to have a better picture of how we can best focus our efforts.

The conversation led to the topic of Child Protective Services and Stephanie Montez offered unique insight pertaining to how their department determines whether or not a child should or should not be taken from their mother.

Some ideas for solutions were; universal screening, develop a protocol for a positive screen, and decrease disparity of treatment by the medical community, improved coordination with community treatment programs, an education campaign for family court and medical providers to standardize the advice given to new mothers whether or not to breastfeed, and reducing stigma and implicit bias training relating to substance use disorders.

Public Comment None

State Legislature Updates

Staff Report Tracy told the board that our MCAH Coordinator is due back in the office next week.

Announcements None

Follow-ups by next meeting-

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Passed Motions
Minutes from October were approved.
Handouts
Action Items
MCAH staff will email out the most recent data relating to neonatal abstinence syndrome statistics in Sonoma County to the advisory board.

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MCAH AB Web Site			
http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/meetings/mcahab.asp			