

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

February 3, 2022

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

*Excused absence

**Pending Approval by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Staff Present Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Colette Mc Gough, RN, PHN Supervisor, MCAH/CHVP Director.

Guest Supervisor David Rabbitt

Call to Order Dr. Jeff Miller called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm, introductions were made.

Discussion Dr. Miller welcomed Supervisor David Rabbitt to the meeting and thanked him for coming. Dr. Miller then gave a presentation on the MCAH AB to offer an overview of the mission of the AB, the membership composition, the funding sources, the goals, and how the MCAH Planning and Coordinating Program develops a 5 year Needs Assessment which directs their work.

Dr. Miller then asked Sup. Rabbitt how the AB board can improve communication between the Board of Supervisors to best present and coordinate MCAH priorities. Dr. Miller stated that investing in our most vulnerable populations has been proven to be cost-saving in the long run.

Dr. Miller added that being included in the hiring process for the Director of Health Services, the Director of Public Health, and the new Nursing Director is important to ensure that these candidates understand the long-term effects of ACEs, and the social determinants of health have on our MCAH population.

Sup. Rabbitt thanked the AB members for all their work, stating that he appreciates their efforts and advocacy. He then gave a brief history of his family and some of their challenges accessing the healthcare system and stated how the AB is important to obtaining access to a complicated system.

Gina Cuclis referred to studies that demonstrate how important the first 1,000 days of life are to achieve long-term optimal health outcomes. MCAH HV staff provide these services. Gina went on to say there are more challenges now with distance learning, and the void which was produced while home visiting nurses were pulled away from their home visiting role during COVID. The higher infant mortality rate in Sonoma County compared to some other counties further highlights the MCAH AB focus on our most vulnerable population. She also agreed with Dr. Miller that this advisory board should have a voice in the hiring process for DHS Directors.

Sup. Rabbitt agreed that a collaborative relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the MCAH AB is imperative, but that there is no prescribed way to go about it. He recommended looking at their online calendar, these are set for a year out, and most of the calendar is preassigned ahead of time as there is no shortage of issues. He recommended members reach out to their representatives via email or phone.

Meeting Minutes Kathy Kane motioned to approve the October minutes, Annie Nicol seconded the motion to approve, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence Karla Fittipaldi submitted her resignation, and we received an application from Carla Denner for the Safety and Prevention of Violence position.

State Legislature No report.

Staff Report Colette reported nothing new.

Public Comment Carla Denner was in attendance and said hello.

Announcements Gina Cuclis announced that she has is now President-Elect of The California County Boards of Education

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Passed Motions
Minutes from December were approved.
Handouts
Action Items

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/			