

# Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

March 7, 2024

Members	
Present	Absent
Catherine Barrisford Annie Nicol Gina Cuclis Erin Reed Allison Murphy Kathy Kane Lara Magnusdottir** Jeff Miller Rocio Monter Elizabeth Vermilyea Stephanie Montez	Renée Alger* Melissa Apuya

\*Excused absence

\*\*Pending Approval by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Staff Present** Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Brittany Lobo, MCAH Director, Laura Turner MCAH Coordinator, and Alyssa Hamilton, Program Planning and Evaluation Analyst, Impact Sonoma

**Guest** Amy Anderson, RN, Aliados Health

**Call to Order** Elizabeth Vermilyea called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. and introductions were made.

**Staff Report** There was some discussion regarding the car seat program relating to the end of 4Cs contract and the new grant which will utilize Community Health Workers (CHW) at clinics to install. Elizabeth mentioned the strenuous program that a CHW must pass in order to be certified. Clinics have experienced some turnover.

**Meeting Minutes** Gina Cuclis motioned to approve the January minutes. Annie Nicol seconded the motion.

**Correspondence** None received.

**Cal AIM** Amy Anderson gave the board a presentation on Enhanced Care Management and Birth Equity Population of Focus. She began with the explanation of how Aliados, previously known as Redwood Health Coalition, is a network of community health centers that serves six counties in the area. Their mission statement to strengthen the capacity of member health centers and improve health equity. Amy went on to define CalAIM as California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal stating that this is a multiyear initiative set forth by the State Department Health Care Services to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for Californians who rely on Medi-Cal for health care. One of the initiatives of CalAIM is Enhanced Care Management (ECM) which is a managed care plan. The goal being to provide community-based care management that coordinates medical, dental, behavioral health, long term supports, and community referral needs. There are specific populations of focus such as those experiencing homelessness, at risk of avoidable hospital or emergency department use, substance use disorder, eligible for long term care/at risk of institutionalization, nursing home residents transitioning to the community, children and youth, pregnancy postpartum and birth equity, and individuals transitioning from incarceration. Amy spoke about the birth equity population of focus for this board. The goal being to address negative impacts of systemic racism in communities where maternal and infant outcomes suffer. This service focuses on those in the pregnancy and postpartum time frame and extends 12 months after pregnancy targeting those races and ethnicities that have experienced negative impacts based on systemic racism using the dashboards for maternal health who have had the greatest impact and disparities. These are American Indian/Native American, Black/African American, and Pacific Islander, these have been shown to have the most significant poor outcomes. Examples of services provided include outreach and engagement to those who qualify, coordinating transition from hospital to home after labor and delivery, support with scheduling prenatal, and postpartum and well child appointments, appointment reminders, and coordinating transportation and accompanying individuals

to appointments if needed. Amy noted that there are two Medi-Cal managed care plans, Partnership HealthPlan of California and Kaiser Permanente.

**Announcements** Alyssa Hamilton announced that her team is partnering with ASH Action on Smoking and Health to offer a public speaking training targeted towards engaging with elected officials, this will assist in learning how to navigate those conversations and drive in the direction of advocacy. The training is free and will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm virtually on Zoom, she asks that those interested reach out to request the invitation.

The Tobacco Retail License date to go before the Board of Supervisors has unfortunately been moved again, and Alyssa asked if this membership would be willing to provide an updated letter of support to present at that time. The tobacco industry has been voicing a strong opinion against the ban and letters of support would be beneficial.

Gina Cuclis motioned to add this to April's agenda, Annie Nicol seconded,

- Elizabeth-Aye
- Rocio-Aye
- Gina-Aye
- Stephanie--Aye
- Annie--Aye
- Erin--Aye
- Jeff-Aye
- Catherine-Aye
- Allison-Aye

and the motion is approved.

Elizabeth reported that the Maternal Mental Health Forum is coming up on March 19 and 20 titled Addressing Trauma through Holistic Support, if you are interested in attending, please reach out. To CPI there is no charge as CPI has a group rate, feel free to share this information to anyone interested.

Laura reminded the membership that MCAH is currently in the middle of their Needs Assessment and she had flyers with a QR link to the surveys, there is one for community and one for providers. The survey is anonymous but if you do provide contact information you will be entered into a raffle for a gift card. Laura also informed the group about the upcoming Birthing Justice film screening offered in conjunction with NAACP Sutter Hospital, First 5, and Mothers Care which will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dinner and paneled discussion.

**Public Comment** Jenn Perez said hi to the group, Flora Henningsen, had no comments, and Rachel a student from the Junior College is working on an honors project to look into barriers in Sonoma County that Latinx women are facing in receiving maternal care adding.

**Meeting Adjourned** The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Passed Motions			
Minutes from January were approved.			
Handouts			
Action Items			
2022-2023 Meeting Dates			
April 4	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
May 2	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
June 6	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
July 4	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
August 1	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
September 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
October 3	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
November 7	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
December 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms

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