

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

August 1, 2024

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

*Excused absence

**Pending Approval by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Staff Present Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Brittany Lobo, MCAH Director, and Emily Gonzalez Demont, Health Information Specialist II, Impact Sonoma

Guest Dr. Amie Carter, Superintendent of Schools

Call to Order Dr. Renée Alger called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. and introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes Gina Cuclis motioned to approve the March minutes. Erin Reed seconded the motion,

Renée Alger-Aye

Jeff Miller-Abstain

Gina Cuclis-Aye

Erin Reed-Aye

Allison Murphy- Abstain

Rocio Monter-Aye

Melissa Apuya- Abstain

and the minutes were approved.

Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Amie Carter began by explaining the role of SCOE (Sonoma County Office of Education) which started as monitoring the fiscal budget but in 2013 legislation placed them in a stronger position which is to ensure that school districts met the standard and when they didn't to support and steady them when failing. Dr. Carter also spoke about her previous experience as the principal of Rancho Cotati High School and Thomas Page. She went on to state that after the fires, the pandemic, and school safety concerns such as the violence and loss of life of a student at Montgomery High School took place, they realized that the county needed to form a response. This generated a new focus on safety and incorporated new school partnerships, to determine what drives school safety. Through a study of the Columbine incident, they found that school culture is a large contributor to kids feeling safe, using the Youth Truth Survey to pull huge amounts of data that pointed to necessary changes. Students need to trust the school administration to be able to report issues. SCOE is working to create infrastructure for those students who are showing alarming behavior will receive wrap-around services. This creates a mechanism which will then elevate the response by including school staff, the principal, psychologists, law enforcement, and behavioral health clinicians. Currently, they are working on a tiered system to alleviate some of the stress when lockdowns happen. There are times when lockdowns occur due to things happening near the school, and that merely require closing the door, rather than a full shelter in place. It's important that the students are well informed and not anticipating

the worst-case scenario. While doing their research they uncovered flaws in the system and realized that students may fear reporting situations due to reprisal.

Dr. Carter added that with COVID ending their one-time funding for mental health services is dwindling. Schools have had to be adaptable and SCOE has created wellness centers at some high schools, which allows students to be seen by a clinician who can help with strategies to help in their moment of need. There is a new initiative starting next year allowing these school centers to be able to bill the student's health insurance. This is a hopeful part of the solution.

Discussion continued regarding declining birth and enrollment rates and future budget deficits. Santa Rosa is in a 19–25-million-dollar deficit that may result in school closures and staff layoffs.

State Legislation Melissa Apuya reported that the state budget has been finalized and gave the members some highlights starting with a bill allowing four million dollars for public health infrastructure, the expansion of Medi-Cal coverage for 12 months postpartum, 50 million dollars for maternal mental health services, 100 million to expand childcare subsidies, and 60 million for youth mental health programs. Another assembly bill AB 2557 creates some barriers for counties and cities that contract with local agencies and organizations to hire extra help and temporary workers, adding new posting requirements.

Staff Report Brittany Lobo announced that August is World Breastfeeding Month. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has adopted a Gold Resolution acknowledging the importance of breastfeeding awareness and support.

WIC celebrated its 50th anniversary today. The CHW (Community Health Worker) grant is entering its last month, she has applied for an extension and is awaiting a response. The Santa Rosa Tobacco Retail License passed its first read and is expected to pass the second read and a new Health Program Manager has been hired and will start on August 8th, her name is Samantha Feld, and she comes to us from the Epidemiology Unit.

Correspondence None received.

Announcements Gina Cuculis reported that in March the County Board of Education endorsed Measure I. This is a tax measure that could raise over \$30 million annually to support local healthcare and childcare programs.

Public Comment None.

Meeting Adjourned The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Passed Motions			
Minutes from June were approved.			
Handouts			
Action Items			
2022-2023 Meeting Dates			
September 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
October 3	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
November 7	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
December 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 th Street, City View Rooms
MCAH AB Website			
https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/public-health/maternal-child-and-adolescent-health/maternal-child-and-adolescent-health-advisory-board			