

# Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

November 7, 2024

Members	
Present	Absent
Dr. Renée Alger	Stephanie Montez*
Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea	
Gina Cuclis	
Annie Nicol	
Erin Reed	
Melissa Apuya	
Allison Murphy	
Catherine Barrisford	
Dr. Jeff Miller	
Lara Magnusdottir**	
Dr. Michael Perry**	
Flora Henningsen**	
Dr. Milana PeBenito**	

\*Excused absence

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

**Staff Present** Brittany Lobo, MCAH Director, Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Laura Turner, MCAH Coordinator, Nicole Bonkrude, Health Information Specialist II

**Guest** Gregory Fearon, Behavioral Health Board, Katherine Beltran, Child Parent Institute

**Call to Order** Dr. Renée Alger called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and introductions were made.

**Discussion** Mr. Gregory Fearon from the Behavioral Health Board spoke before the membership regarding Measure O money. Currently there is 45 million dollars that will be spent this year. 30% will go to housing over the next 5-7 years a significant amount will go to opioid prevention as part of a settlement, such as Narcan distribution. Much of this bill is undesignated. The Behavioral Health Board will start to meet on November 17<sup>th</sup> and begin to start planning. If you would like to be involved in this process this is one way to participate. They will be hiring consultants and have an advisory board, and in January begin having listening sessions. Mr. Fearon promises to attend MCAH AB meetings in the future to keep the members informed of the process.

**State Legislation** Melissa Apuya reported that Measure I passed. There will be a special session held in December this year. Normally members don't meet until January, however Governor Newsom wants to be more proactive and start early to ensure his plans and services remain intact. This was announced just two hours ago. She also stated that after the meeting with Asm. Connolly last month with members bringing up prenatal services unavailable and the gap between insurance providers really stuck with him, and he is working with Proposition 35 to provide permanent funding for Medi-Cal, so keep an eye on that.

**Correspondence** An application was received by Kathy Reynolds.

**Staff Report** Home Visiting will be hiring a new nurse for an upcoming partnership with Sonoma County Indian Health Project.

**Announcements** Allison Murphy announced that Mothers Care along with other programs that support women and children are throwing a fundraiser on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in Petaluma with an all women bluegrass band, food trucks and a raffle.

Gina Cuclis reported that she recently completed the school consolidation committee.

**Public Comment** None.

**Meeting Adjourned** The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

<b>Passed Motions</b>			
<b>Handouts</b>			
<b>Action Items</b>			
<b>2022-2023 Meeting Dates</b>			
December 5	Thursday	12:30-2:00	625 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, City View Rooms
<b>MCAH AB Website</b>			
<a href="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">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</a>			