

Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

June 6, 2024

| Members | |
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| Present | Absent |
| Renée Alger | Jeff Miller* |
| Gina Cuclis | Allison Murphy |
| Erin Reed | Catherine Barrisford* |
| Kathy Kane | |
| Rocio Monter | |
| Elizabeth Vermilyea | |
| Lara Magnusdottir** | |
| Annie Nicol | |
| 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 Emily Gonzalez Demont, Health Information Specialist II, Impact Sonoma

Guest Dr. Sharon Dekel, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School

Call to Order Dr. Renée Alger called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. and introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes Gina Cuclis motioned to approve the March minutes. Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea seconded the motion,

Melissa Apuya-Aye

Rocio Monter-Aye

Renée Alger-Aye

Erin Reed-Aye

Gina Cuclis-Aye

Elizabeth Vermilyea-Aye

and the minutes were approved.

Road to Resilience Project Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea explained that this project funded by OCAP to allow home visiting and case management for people who are pregnant who also have a history of substance use, current substance use, and parents/caregivers of babies exposed to substance use. This funding will allow collaboration and partnership between other health service providers and bridge an important gap. CPI along with SRCH will be recruiting to find a nurse to provide mental health care and prenatal substance use. This would be a .5 position and they are looking for someone with a passion for this work. Training would begin in October.

Preliminary Results of Needs Assessment Laura Turner shared the results of the surveys and focus groups and explained what was learned during the process. She began by describing how the state requires that MCAH complete a Needs Assessment of the community every five years. The state will then compile the information received from each county and compile the information to determine the highest priority needs. This will then go to the federal level to instruct future policies and programs. Next Laura described how the surveys were distributed and shared among community members

and partners. There were two surveys, one for residents of Sonoma County, one directed at professionals, and another for teens. She went through several of the questions and their responses. This included ranking the answers to the top three needs and breaking these down by BIPOC and non-BIPOC. Questions included the ability to access services, and whether they feel that racism is impacting this ability. Laura added that the next local action will be increasing breastfeeding and doula awareness and education. Elizabeth stated that the data around Family Resource Centers (FRC) especially those embedded in schools make a massive difference to prevent homelessness and ACES for those in need of services and support.

State Legislation Melissa Apuya reported that the governor released his budget and the revised version was released in May, Proposition 98 increased funding to Health and Human Services and there will be an implementation of 11,000 new childcare slots. Melissa adds that we won't know the final version until June 12th. This budget must be approved by June 15th or state workers will not get paid. They have received many letters of support requesting the restoration of the rate increase to childcare providers.

Staff Report Brittany Lobo updated the members on the Tobacco Retail License status stating that it did not pass the Santa Rosa City Council and a second read will happen in July. She added that she encourages anyone interested in supporting this effort to contact the Tobacco Free Coalition. Melissa mentioned the Market Match Program which allows those who receive EBT to use their money at farmers' markets, this program will match what they spend on fruits and vegetables. Brittany stated that the HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) program works with this program, even tabling at local farmers' markets to spread the word.

Correspondence Janette Allee announced that she received Kathy Kane's resignation via email. She requested that Kathy inquire within her agency for a possible replacement as the MCAH AB would like to continue to have representation for Sonoma CAN (Community Action Network).

Announcements Gina reported that she has reached out to the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools to request her attendance in August and present on student mental health.

Lara Magnusdottir announced the Annual Champions of Children is coming up and if anyone would like to nominate someone who is a champion of children, please let 4Cs know. The winners will receive a \$1,000 prize.

There will be an early childcare and education listening session on September 28th for elected officials to hear from members of the public. This would be a great time to show your support.

The Imagination Library launched and First 5 has already received a couple of thousand applications from families who want to participate to have their child receive free books from the Dolly Parton Foundation.

Rocio Monter announced that La Luz hosted a community baby shower. La Luz is also creating a new Birthing Options Workshop with Mother's Care which will be in Spanish.

Public Comment Greg Fearon introduced himself to the group and explained that he sits on several boards one of which is the Mental Health Board and spoke regarding Measure O funding which he stated has a lot of money still coming that has yet to be determined on how to spend. He added that many non-profits are either frail or have closed due to lack of funding. Greg continued by saying that 32 million dollars will be

coming in every year and he offered his contact information to the group advising the members that if they know of a service that is needed but are short of money, they can contact him to see if he and the boards he works with can help.

Meeting Adjourned The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

| Passed Motions | | | |
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| Minutes from April were approved. | | | |
| Handouts | | | |
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| Action Items | | | |
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| 2022-2023 Meeting Dates | | | |
| August 1 | Thursday | 12:30-2:00 | 625 5 th Street, City View Rooms |
| 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 | | | |