

**Sacramento County
Department of Health Services
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board**



Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Facilitator: Effie Ruggles
Scribe: Nkechi Michel

Meeting Attendees:

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- Effie Ruggles
- Angelica Quach
- Nkechi Michel
- Rebecca Lewis
- Lisa Benton
- Fay Bursch
- Laurie Haugan
- Donyale Abe
- Dr. Harry Wang
- Leesa Hooks
- Daphne Echols
- Danielle Jackson
- Robert Hickman
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Tosha Ulicni
- Erica Cambern
- Pamela Hawkins
- Fienishia Wash

Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Effie Ruggles.
Agenda and Minutes	Rob Hickman motioned to approve the minutes and Christina seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
Public Health Officer's Report: Presented by Dr. Melody Law, Deputy Health Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Law not in attendance/No updates during this meeting
MCAH Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIH has awarded Mutual Assistance Network and Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) for the upcoming fiscal year

<p>Presented by Leesa Hooks, MCAH Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leesa has been appointed to Reducing African American Childhood Deaths (RAACD) Steering Committee • Birthing Care Pathway Report was released via DHCS along with a live webinar. More info here- https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Pages/BirthingCarePathway.aspx • Transforming Maternal Health Model (TMaH) (pilot). 15 states (including CA) selected to participate. The goal is to transform Medi-Cal access for birthing people. Pilot will roll out over the next ten years. Link for more info- https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/transforming-maternal-health-tmah-model • National Dental Health Month- Training coming soon for perinatal providers. • CDPH added an indicator about severe maternal morbidity into their dashboard
<p>Community Nursing: Daphne Echols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving 170+ families high risk families currently- offering wrap around care, nurse case management, linkage to care, and reconnecting them to care. • Seven nurse home visitors • Continuing recruitment efforts • CalAIM program presented to staff. Next month pediatric endocrinology will present to the MCAH nurses.
<p>Presenters: Tim Choi and Areli Williams- Sacramento County Public Health presented on HRE, CHIP and HREAP community work</p> <p>Annesha Land and Arianna Philips- HealthNet Presented on: Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HRE team presented initiatives in the county involving health equity in Sacramento County. • Provided overview on HRE programming • Provided overview on current Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) work. • The focus areas in the CHIP are: food access, housing security, mental health, leadership capacity and increase in income. • HRE team developed Health and Racial Equity Action Plan (HREAP) work • Provided comprehensive program overview on Health Net services for pregnant and parenting families • Programs include: behavioral health services, CalAIM, Doula program, Teladoc health, transportation assistance and interpreter services
<p>Nurse-Family Partnership Updates Staffing, Funding, Referrals, Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved for NFPx-in final stages of contract approval. Allows for expansion of eligibility criteria to include multiparous mothers as well. Enrollees just need to be pregnant. • 50% of caseload will still be first time moms.

Collaboration/Support, Advocacy, and Benchmarks- Tosha Ulicni/ Angelica Quach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Community of Practice call with other NFP sites expanding with NFPx. • Restarting NFP graduations-celebrating two years clients spend in the program. Expecting 23 graduates this term. • Approved for a part-time position. Open Senior PH nurse position and full-time OA position needed. • There is a short waitlist for NFP enrollment • Continuing outreach for client enrollment- “Baby Block Party” on April 25th, Community Resource Project WIC Breastfeeding Celebration on 5/2, and Chicks in Crisis outreach event on 5/16. • Introducing new staff training for staff regarding intimate partner violence. Will be completed during team meetings so that nurses can work in small groups to practice new skills learned.
Board Member Updates/Announcements	April 19 th - 10am- 2pm at William Land park- Juneteenth Inc is hosting a Minority Health Month Wellness Fair.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am by Effie Ruggles.