

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



**Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2025  
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609470501?pwd=hWFbJk02hhpzTo0wgKApYNnjfrF59n.1>

**Facilitator:** Effie Ruggles

**Scribe:** Nkechi Michel

**Meeting Attendees:**

- Effie Ruggles
- Nkechi Michel
- Lisa Hooks
- Rebecca Lewis
- Christina Newport
- Fay Bursch
- Donyale Abe
- Leesa Hooks
- Daphne Echols
- Melody Law
- Patsy Jimenez Arellano
- Danielle Jackson
- Lisa Horn
- Ithiopia McKinney
- Robert Hickman
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Tosha Ulicni
- Kalil Macklin
- Fienishia Wash
- Joanne Tillman

Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:40am by Effie Ruggles.
Agenda and Minutes	Robin Guster-Banks motioned to approve the minutes and Rob Hickman 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"><li>• Rise in Covid 19 cases, hospital visits as well as wastewater levels during summer. In the last two weeks, the levels are waning. Predominant strain is XFG which is a variant of Omicron. Yolo county put out a press release since West Sacramento is in Yolo county.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two measles cases reported, travel related, no secondary cases.</li> <li>• Arbovirus, vector born conditions such as West Nile Virus and Dengue fever – one case of WNV and one case of Dengue (travel related). WNV vector is culex mosquito species that are wide spread in California. Dengue vector is Aedes species that are currently present in Southern California and Central valley. Prevention method is vector control and wearing long sleeve shirt, pants and use FDA approved insect repellent.</li> <li>• One Plague case in the region, El Dorado county. Individual was treated and recovered.</li> <li>• SCPH will resume issuing annual masking mandate for health care workers for upcoming Influenza season, usually start on Oct.1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• LHJs are looking forward to guidance from CDPH and West Coast Health Alliance on vaccine recommendations moving forward. At present COVID 19 vaccine is available for individuals age over 6 months. CDPH recommends COVID 19 vaccine for infants, pregnant individuals and those with underlying conditions and/or immunocompromised.</li> <li>• Annual SCPH report is out, program successes are outlined.</li> <li>• With federal budget cuts, public health lost positions and was able to save employment by transferring to different programs and division. We experience ongoing uncertainty with TB and STD funds.</li> </ul>
MCAH Updates: Presented by Leesa Hooks, MCAH Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May revise will be released tomorrow (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)</li> <li>• Governors' May revised budget being released tomorrow (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)</li> <li>• Anticipating a lean budget and org changes with Sacramento County-will share more when that information is available.</li> <li>• Increased MIECHV NFP budget by 10%. Families will receive gift cards</li> <li>• National Adolescent Health Month- mental health concerns continue to be on the forefront with this population</li> <li>• Preeclampsia Awareness Month</li> <li>• Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month</li> <li>• National Women's Health week</li> <li>• CDPH CAH began new partnership with Cal State Northridge- data released in 2022 regarding gestational diabetes. This partnership will address the increase in this condition.</li> </ul>
Community Nursing: Daphne Echols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 120 home visits</li> <li>• Outreach continues</li> <li>• Nurses assigned to CIL sites</li> <li>• Working with Black Child Legacy</li> <li>• Currently staffing 5 PHNs and 1 Senior PHN- in hiring freeze</li> <li>• Waiting for May revise</li> </ul>

Presenters: Joanne Tillman, CPQCC  Kalil Macklin, Anthem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanne Tillman Program Coordinator with CPQCC/CMQCC presented programs and services available for pregnant and perinatal populations. Mission: Our mission is to improve the quality and equity of healthcare delivery for California's most vulnerable infants and their families, from birth and NICU stay to early childhood. Program goals include- CPQCC Family Advisory Council (FAC) was established to address the need for a statewide NICU FAC that reflects the diversity of family experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives.</li> <li>Kalil Macklin with Anthem presented on programs and services, including New Baby, New Life Program, Behavioral Health services, Doula Services and overall referral processes.</li> </ul>
Nurse-Family Partnership Updates Staffing, Funding, Referrals, Community Collaboration/Support, Advocacy, and Benchmarks- Tosha Ulicni/Fay Bursch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steady referrals in the program</li> <li>Wanting to increase pregnancy retention rate by 15%</li> <li>Currently at 92% retention rate</li> <li>Serving 213 families</li> <li>Attending numerous outreach events</li> <li>11 PHNs and 1 Senior PHN</li> <li>Presence at community outreach events</li> <li>Increase in referrals</li> <li>Presenting to the state on CQI</li> <li>Graduations have resumed</li> </ul>
Board Member Updates/Announcements	MCAH Resource Guide will be shared with the group Vivant is partnering with Community programs as they roll out their asthma remediation project Lisa Horn- partnering with CPS Quality Community childcare collaboratives-hiring mental Health Counselor
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am by Effie Ruggles.