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

Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2026

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1607570055?pwd=BxoeYa29GrcxE6PxbPTQMdTafahpQD.1>

Facilitator: Effie Ruggles

Scribe: Nkechi Michel

Meeting Attendees:

- Effie Ruggles
- Nkechi Michel
- Leesa Hooks
- Dr. Melody Law
- Fay Bursch
- Daphne Echols
- Christina Newport
- Nyuieko Banash
- Gurleen Roberts
- Fienishia Wash
- Donyale Abe
- Lisa Hooks
- Lisa Horn
- Jackie Washington- Ansley
- Oscar Garduno
- Rebecca Lewis
- Dr. Suzanne Eidson-Ton
- Patsy Jimenez Arellano
- Tara Taylor
- Lisa Benton
- Crystal Gonzalez
- Robert Hickman
- Robin Blanks-Guster

- Tosha Ulicni
- Kimberly Grimes

Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Nkechi Michel/Effie Ruggles.
Agenda and Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November’s meeting minutes were approved by Dr. Eidson-Ton and Robin Blanks-Guster and January’s minutes were approved by Leesa Hooks and Robin Blanks-Guster
Public Health Officer’s Report: Presented by Dr. Melody Law, Deputy Health Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Officer Dr. Kasirye will be retiring this year- hope to have her replacement by April/May. • Working with area hospitals on measles mitigation and contact tracing • Dr. Law shared update on local measles outbreak as well as the dashboard available online: • https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR26-009.aspx https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Pages/PUB-Home.aspx https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/Measles-Quicksheet.pdf
Presenters: Michelle Besse- Sacramento County Health Center Kimberly Grimes- Healthy Beginnings Perinatal Program (HBPP) Workgroup	<p>Michelle Besse provided SHPU specific programmatic updates as well as some programmatic information about services offered at Primary Health Clinic for perinatal populations.</p> <p>Kimberly Grimes provided information about Healthy Beginnings Perinatal Program (HBPP) Workgroup as well as Bridges Professional Treatment Services Inc., which will partner with Sacramento County to address substance use in perinatal populations.</p>
Nurse-Family Partnership Updates Staffing, Funding, Referrals, Community Collaboration/Support, Advocacy, and Benchmarks- Tosha Ulicni/Fay Bursch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFP has 3 nurses out on family leave so there is a temporary staff reduction approval until August 1, 2026. • There is currently a program waitlist. Referring out for additional home visiting programs to meet the need of the community • NFPx is up to 17. Nurses adapting well with this new model • Choosing next CQI goal- may focus on caregiver burnout. There is a team activity planned for staff in late summer to address burnout • Next graduation will be in June- 37 clients will be graduating

<p>Nkechi Michel MCAH AB Recruitment and New Application Process</p>	<p>MCAH AB Vacancies include -Pediatrician, OB-GYN, School Nurse, Dentist, PHN rep, Non-Specified Member (pharmacist, hospital rep or dietician), Parent of a child with a special health care needs, Child Advocacy Group Representative, Non-Specified Member from community organizations that work with mothers and children in a health-related capacity</p> <p>Active members that need to re-apply: Robin Blanks-Guster, Fienishia Wash, Rebecca Lewis, Cristina Newport,</p> <p>Link to board application: https://sccob.saccounty.gov/us/en/boards-and-commissions.html#gsc.tab=0</p> <p>The Co-Chair position is also open. Please send nominations to Nkechi by April 30th and we will vote during our May meeting.</p>
<p>Board Member Updates/Announcements</p>	<p>No Updates</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am by Effie Ruggles.</p>