

# Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board Minutes

August 7, 2025

Members	
Present	Absent
Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea Catherine Barrisford Dr. Jeff Miller (zoom) Gina Cuclis Allison Murphy Kathy Reynolds (zoom) Alexandra Rios** (zoom) Dr. Michael Perry Flora Henningsen Dr. Milana PeBenito Stephanie Montez	Erin Reed* Melissa Apuya Taylor Anderson-Stevenson**(zoom)

\*Excused absence

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

**Staff Present** Laura Turner Senior Public Health Nurse/MCAH Coordinator, Janette Allee, Administrative Aide, Ariel Thomas-Urlik, Program Planning and Evaluation Analyst (Zoom).

**Call to Order** Dr. Elizabeth Vermilyea called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. and introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes** Dr. Michael Perry motioned to approve the June minutes, Gina Cuclis seconded the motion,

Dr. Vermilyea- Aye

Catherine Barrisford- Abstained

Stephanie Montez- Abstained

Flora Henningsen-Aye

Gina Cuclis- Aye

Dr. Perry- Abstained

Allison Murphy-Aye

Dr. Miller-Aye

Kathy Reynolds-Aye

and the minutes were approved.

**Vote on Letter to the BOS** Dr. Michael Perry noted that the letter was very well written and appropriately includes the correct science. Members shared some corrections to their titles on the letterhead and Janette took notes and promised to make the revisions needed and will resend. Dr. Perry also asked the membership for their approval to share this letter with The Redwood Empire Dental Society Newsletter of which he is the editor, and everyone agreed. Dr. Perry motioned to approve the letter, Kathy Reynolds seconded the motion,

Dr. Vermilyea-Aye

Catherine Barrisford-Aye

Stephanie Montez-Aye

Flora Henningsen-Aye

Gina Cuclis-Aye

Dr. Perry-Aye

Allison Murphy-Aye

Dr. Miller-Aye

Kathy Reynolds-Aye

and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**State Legislation** Melissa Apuya was not present, but Ariel Thomas-Urlik did speak to the group about Assemble Bill 350 which is a funding mechanism that would expand reimbursement through Medi-Cal for fluoride treatments from 0-6 to children 17 years of age and under.

**Correspondence** Janette Allee stated that she did receive an application from a prospective applicant, but she rescinded her application as the rules for attendance were too strict and her workplace would not allow it.

**Staff Report** Laura Turner reported that she had just come from the WIC Breastfeeding Event this morning and the state had won a very prestigious award and this was also announced in the newspaper. There were many people in attendance including lots of kids as school hasn't started yet.

Greg Fearon had a question about the needs assessment underway asking that we share the results with behavioral health and Nolan the director of DHS.

**Announcements** Ariel mentioned that the dental team is partnering with the library and bringing a dental hygienist to the summer meal programs, she added that the vending machines have included pediatric dental packs, and they have become the most popular item. Dr. Vermilyea reported that CPI is working with the behavioral health initiative and the California Behavioral Health Commission and joining with Mothers Care, River to Coast, West County Health Services, to help families navigate and receive support, there is no eligibility requirements

**Meeting Adjourned** The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Passed Motions			
The June minutes were approved.			
Handouts			
Action Items			
2025 Meeting Dates			
September 4	Thursday	12:30-2:00 pm	463 Aviation Blvd, Live Oak Room
October 2	Thursday	12:30-2:00 pm	463 Aviation Blvd, Live Oak Room
November 6	Thursday	12:30-2:00 pm	463 Aviation Blvd, Live Oak Room
December 4	Thursday	12:30-2:00 pm	463 Aviation Blvd, Live Oak Room
MCAH AB Website			
<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>			