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NEW JERSEY MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting April 24, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) held in person at the EDA Board Room, 36 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Shakira Abdul-Ali – Public Member
Sarah Adelman – Governor Representative
Dr. Philip Bonaparte – Public Member
Rosalee Boyer - Public Member
Dr. Barbara George Johnson - Public Member
Holly Low – Governor Representative
Andrea Martinez-Mejia - Public Member
Maritza Raimundi-Petroski – Public Member
Kaitlan Baston – Governor Representative
Katherine Stoehr- Governor Representative
Mary Maples (Designee for Tim Sullivan) - Governor Representative
Justin Zimmerman - Governor Representative

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Lisa Asare, President & CEO, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority
First Lady Tammy Murphy
Roza Dabaghyan, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Law
Laura Wilton, Office of the Governor, Authorities Unit
Catherine Terrero, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority

Acting Chair Baston presided over the meeting with Catherine Terrero keeping the minutes.

President & CEO Asare called the meeting to order and announced that Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (MIHIA) was in compliance with the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act and the adequate notice of the meeting had been provided in the manner prescribed by law.

President & CEO Asare took roll call and welcomed representatives from the First Lady's Office, Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, and Treasury.

Dr. Barbara George Johnson requested a motion to approve Governor Representative Kaitlan Baston to serve as an Acting Chair for the meeting.

A motion was made by Andrea Martinez-Mejia and seconded by Sarah Adelman. 11 voting members present voted in favor. Kaitlan Baston abstained from voting. The motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Acting Chair Baston.

Update from the Acting Chair

Acting Chair Baston greeted the Board and advised that the Department of Health (DOH) was excited to work with MIHIA.

Acting Chair Baston relayed the importance of protecting reproductive rights and that DOH has worked to improve maternal and child health (MCH) in our state using data collection and analytics. Acting Chair Baston mentioned existing DOH programs such as WIC and Healthy Corner Stores but also stressed that there is still plenty of work to be done in the MCH arena and that DOH is committed to being in a long-term partnership with MIHIA.

Acting Chair Baston noted that members of the public who are in attendance will have the opportunity to comment during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Acting Chair Baston requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting. Dr. Barbara George Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting. Rosalee Boyers seconded the motion. Acting Chair Baston called for a vote and members voted yes. The motion carried.

President & CEO Statement

President & CEO Asare updated the members of the public and the Board on MIHIA's vision to provide trainings, education and other services that would help advance maternal and infant health, equity, and research through key partnerships.

President & CEO Asare also spoke about her meetings with national MCH leaders at the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP)'s annual conference where she announced the creation and launch of MIHIA.

President & CEO Asare ended her remarks by stressing the importance of community engagement and partnership.

Matters Requiring Board Action

a. Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Insurance

Acting Chair Baston requested a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Insurance. Andrea Martinez-Mejia made the motion and Shakira Abdul-Ali seconded the motion. Acting Chair Baston called for a vote and members voted yes, with the exception of Justin Zimmerman, who abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Other Business

No new business presented.

Public Comment

Acting Chair Baston invited the members of the public, if any, to comment. Quinnie Collins, an Eagleton Graduate Fellow and Rutgers Graduate Student, suggested MIHIA to provide internship opportunities and to partner with the Office of New Americans from the Department of Human Services.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Acting Chair Baston requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Philip Bonaparte made the motion to adjourn. Rosalee Boyer seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the April 24, 2024 the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority meeting minutes.

Lisa Asare

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President and CEO.