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NEW JERSEY MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting May 22, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) held virtually on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Shakira Abdul-Ali – Public Member
Vineeta Kapahi (Designee for Sarah Adelman) – Governor Representative
Dr. Philip Bonaparte – Public Member
Rosalee Boyer - Public Member
Barbara George Johnson - Public Member
Dr. Brian Bridges – Governor Representative
Holly Low – Governor Representative
Andrea Martinez-Mejia - Public Member
Maritza Raimundi-Petroski – Public Member
Dr. Damali Campbell-Oparaji – 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
Roza Dabaghyan, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Law
Alexis Franklin, 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, Governor's Authorities Unit, Attorney General's Office, and Treasury.

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 Shakira Abdul-Ali and seconded by Dr. Brian Bridges. All members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Acting Chair Baston.

Update from the Acting Chair

Acting Chair Baston greeted the Board and announced that she had signed a standing order regarding hormonal contraceptives last week that became active on Monday. She stated that the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) have partnered to expand access to hormonal contraceptives to patients across the state without the need of a prescription. She reminded the Board that emergency contraception is already available over the counter in pharmacies across New Jersey.

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 April 24, 2024 meeting. Dr. Brian Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting. Dr. Barbara George Johnson seconded the motion. Acting Chair Baston called for a vote, Dr. Damali Campbell-Oparaji recused herself from the vote and the remaining members voted yes. The motion carried.

President & CEO Statement

President & CEO Asare updated the members of the public and the Board on the progress of the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center (MIHIC). She advised that Rutgers State University, Capital Health, and Trenton Health Team have been selected as the three lead anchor tenants for the center. She also announced that the location of the land where MIHIC will be erected has been identified and approved for purchase. The land is located between Pennington Avenue and Warren Street in Trenton.

The Board was also informed that no date/timeline has been set for the construction to begin and that the anchor tenants are in the process of signing contracts to begin partnering with MIHIA to identify and provide services to the public. Additional details regarding services will be forthcoming, and dependent on the execution of contracts.

Dr. Philip Bonaparte exited the meeting after President & CEO Asare's update.

Other Business

No new business presented.

Public Comment

Acting Chair Baston invited the members of the public, if any, to comment. Pamela Taylor, from NJ Economic Development Authority, commented on the organizational interest form.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Acting Chair Baston requested a motion to adjourn. Barbara George Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Brian Bridges seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the May 22, 2024, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority Board meeting minutes.

Lisa Asare

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President and CEO.