

**NEW JERSEY MATERNAL CARE QUALITY COLLABORATIVE BOARD  
MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 22, 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (“MCQC”) held virtually on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE**

Tia Hopkins (Designee for Amanda Medina Forrester) – Governor Representative  
Cari Fais – Governor Representative  
Catheleen Bennet – Public Member  
Chanelle Andrews - Public Member  
Erica Pulliam – Public Member  
Helen Hannigan - Public Member  
Hetal Patel - Public Member  
James Darley - Public Member  
Liliana Morales - Public Member  
Linda Schwimmer - Public Member  
Lisa Gitten-Williams- Public Member  
Mariekarl Vilceus-Talty - Public Member  
Marilyn Cintron – Public Member  
Mary McTigue – Public Member  
Mehnaz Mustafa – Governor Representative  
Michael Fahncke -Governor Representative  
Michelle Gabriel-Caldwell – Governor Representative  
Natassia Harris – Public Member  
Morgan Steward (Designee for Natasha Dravid) - Public Member  
Nikkie St. Germain - Public Member  
Pamela Brug – Public Member  
Rahbbea Norton-Lee – Public member  
Robyn D’Oria – Public Member  
Rose-Ann Uwague – Public Member  
Shital Patel – Public Member  
Kimberly Mitchell – (Designee for Stuart Altschuler) – Public Member  
Suzanne Sernal- Public Member  
Tom Westover – Public Member  
Tonique Griffin – Public Member  
Lisa Asare – Governor Representative

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Tammy Murphy, First Lady  
Lauren Lalicon, First Lady’s Office  
Stephanie Lagos, First Lady’s Office  
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  
Pamela Taylor, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority  
Sofia Bonsignore, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority

Chair Lisa Asare presided over the meeting with Catherine Terrero keeping the minutes.

Chair Asare called the meeting to order and announced MCQC was in compliance with the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act and the adequate notice of the meeting was provided in the manner prescribed by law.

Chair Asare took roll call and welcomed First Lady Tammy Murphy and representatives from the First Lady's Office, Governor's Authorities Unit, Attorney General's Office, and Treasury.

### **Chair update**

First Lady Tammy Murphy welcomed and thanked the Board members. She highlighted several Nurture NJ accomplishments and made a call to action regarding the work that lies ahead for New Jersey, the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (MIHIA) and MCQC.

Chair Asare presented to the MCQC Board. The presentation consisted of explaining the MIHIA's background and the integration of Nurture NJ into MIHIA. She explained that per the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center Act, the MCQC has been transferred to MIHIA from the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH). Chair Asare explained that MCQC will advise the MIHIA Board and help New Jersey in its quest to move from data to action.

Mehnaz Mustafa of the NJDOH addressed the Board and presented on the Maternal Health Hospital Report Card and the Maternal Data Center Hospital Portal.

Carly Slutzky of the NJDOH addressed the Board and presented on the 2024-2029 New Jersey State Maternal Health Innovation Program (NJ SMHIP) and did an overview of the NJ SMHIP Grant & the NJMCQC.

Inquiries were made by Board members regarding the data collection and sources.

### **Matters Requiring Board Action**

#### **1. Approval of Quarterly MCQC Meeting Dates**

Board member Marilyn Cintron made a motion to approve the quarterly MCQC meeting dates for 2025. Tonique Griffin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### **Other Business**

No new business presented.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Chair Asare requested a motion to adjourn. Tonique Griffen made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Pamela Brug seconded the motion.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the November 22, 2024, New Jersey Maternal Care Quality Collaborative Board meeting minutes.

*Lisa Asare*

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Lisa Asare,  
President and CEO.