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NEW JERSEY MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting December 18, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) held virtually on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Shakira Abdul-Ali – Public Member
Sarah Adelman – Governor Representative
Dr. Barbara George Johnson - Public Member
Dr. Brian Bridges – Governor Representative
Holly Low – Governor Representative
Maritza Raimundi-Petroski – Public Member
Kaitlan Baston – Governor Representative
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
Laura Wilton, Office of the Governor, Authorities Unit
Catherine Terrero, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority

Chair Barbara George Johnson 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 Authorities Unit, and the Attorney General’s Office.

Chair update

Chair Barbara George Johnson addressed the Board and gave a brief overview of the Nurture NJ summit held on December 9, 2024. She also updated the Board on proposed MIHIA committees.

President & CEO Statement

President & CEO Asare addressed the Board and highlighted the last 9 months of the development of MIHIA's infrastructure, including the appointment of the MIHIA Board Chair and Vice-Chair, progress made towards the building of the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center (MIHIC), and the first Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (MCQC) board meeting since its transfer from the Department of Health to MIHIA.

President & CEO Asare also reported on MIHIA's activities since the last board meeting. Some of the President's remarks included 1) Nurture NJ and MIHIA being referenced in the National Academy of State Health Policy's (NASHP) December blog entitled "State Strategies to Strengthen the Perinatal Health Care System"; 2) MIHIA's participation in the State Exchange in Washington D.C., a convening of national funders interest in maternal and infant health; 3) in partnership with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) and the Watson Institute, MIHIA's participation in a community engagement session with the local community to receive feedback regarding the MIHIC building, and 4) MIHIA hosted two community webinars regarding the development of the doula workforce and a transportation benefit for pregnant high risk moms in NJ.

Lastly, President & CEO Asare echoed Chair George Johnson's sentiments regarding the success of the Nurture NJ Leadership Summit, marking the formal introduction of MIHIA to 700 NurtureNJ partners and participants.

Matters Requiring Board Action

a. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2024.

Governor Representative, Dr. Brian Bridges made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 25, 2024. The motion was seconded by Governor Representative, Dr. Kaitlan Baston. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

b. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 2025.

Public Member, Shakira Abdul-Ali made a motion to approve the board meeting schedule for 2025. The motion by was seconded by Public Member, Maritza Raimundi-Petroski. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

Other Business

Governor Representative, Tim Sullivan advised that a vote was anticipated on the site acquisition for the MIHIC at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) board meeting on December 19, 2024.

Lastly, Chair George Johnson informed the Board that there was a community engagement forum which gave the opportunity for the community to have a discussion with President & CEO Asare. She also thanked the Governor and Governor Representative Tim Sullivan from the NJEDA for their support in engaging the community regarding the MIHIC.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Chair Barbara George Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. Governor Representative, Sarah Adelman made the motion to adjourn. Governor Representative, Dr. Brian Bridges seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the December 18, 2024, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority Board meeting minutes.

Lisa Asare

Lisa Asare,
President and CEO.