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NEW JERSEY MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
10:00AM

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/SYHDhLOMTHS6756qnbn0wQ>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Update from Chair
- V. CEO's Report to Board
- VI. Ballinger presentation
- VII. Matters Requiring Board Action
 - a. Approval of NJ MIHIA Board Minutes of December 18, 2024.
 - b. Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Health for the Coordination of New Jersey Doula Learning Collaborative Activities
 - c. Resolution to Approve Eric Carlsson, CFO as an Authorized Signer on MIHIA bank account.
- VIII. Executive Session (If required)
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Other Business
- XI. Meeting Adjournment



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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,
President and CEO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MATERNAL
AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH FOR COORDINATION OF NEW JERSEY DOULA LEARNING
COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES**

ADOPTED
February 26, 2025

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Maternal Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) was created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:18-17 *et seq* (the “Act”) and was created and established in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury and independent of any supervision or control by the principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State Government; and

WHEREAS, MIHIA was created to reduce maternal mortality, morbidity and racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes in the State; and

WHEREAS, MIHIA is charged with establishing and overseeing the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center, which shall coordinate with governmental agencies, as well as private organizations, to, among other things: (a) provide perinatal, infant care, related health services and other services to the residents of the City of Trenton; (b) promote equitable maternal and infant health care services; and (c) implement strategies related to health care and social service delivery, perinatal workforce development, community engagement, data collection, research, and analysis; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Department of Health (“Health”) seeks to engage MIHIA for the purpose of coordinating the statewide activities of the NJDLC, as more specifically set forth below; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-1 *et seq.*, the Parties are permitted to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) as an inter-department governmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, MIHIA is willing to assist Health to provide the coordinating of the statewide activities of the New Jersey Doula Learning Collaborative (“NJDLC”); and

WHEREAS, the Board determined it is in the best interest of the Parties to enter into MOA (attached hereto) with the Health.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, that,

1. The Board authorizes the execution of the attached MOA between MIHIA and Health.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately, but no action authorized herein shall have force and effect until 10 days, after a copy of the minutes of the Authority meeting at which this resolution was adopted has been delivered to the Governor for his approval, unless during such 10-day period the Governor shall approve the same, in which case such action shall become effective upon such approval, as provided by the Act.

DATED: February 26, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY
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AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF AN
AUTHORIZED SIGNER TO THE BUSINESS ACCOUNT**

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Maternal Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) was created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:18-17 *et seq* (the “Act”) and was created and established in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury and independent of any supervision or control by the principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State Government; and

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WHEREAS, as of January 27, 2025, MIHIA has employed as Chief Financial Officer, Eric Carlsson, C.F.M., C.P.M. to be responsible for managing MIHIA’s financial strategy, overseeing budgeting, forecasting, and financial reporting, while ensuring regulatory compliance, risk management and supporting agency optimization and growth; and

WHEREAS, MIHIA seeks to add Eric Carlsson as an authorized signer to it’s bank account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, that,

1. The Board authorizes the execution of the attached Authorization to add a signature.

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