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February 28, 2025
Register in advance for this meeting:
[Zoom Registration](#)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Update from Chair
 - a. MCQC Member Survey Updates
 - b. Department of Health Presentation
 - c. Department of Human Services Presentation
- V. Matters Requiring Board Action
 - a. Approval of previous months' minutes
 - b. Vice Chair Nominations
- VI. Executive Session (If required)
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Meeting Adjournment

**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
Catherine Bennet – Public Member
Chanelle Andrews - Public Member
Erica Pulliam – Public Member
Helen Hannigan - Public Member
Hetel 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
Rahbbee 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

Lisa Asare,
President and CEO.