

NEVADA DIAPERING RESOURCE COMMITTEE

DATE: MARCH 3, 2026, TIME: 11:00 AM

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Blanca Ayala
- Jessica Roew
- Kelly Maxwell
- Susan Crutchfield
- Tamara Thompson
- Jenna Dykes
- Lacey Gero

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT:

- Rachel Marchetti, MBA, Section Manager, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
- Helina Ashagrie, MPH, Nevada Home Visiting (NHV) Program Coordinator, MCAH
- Shannon Frazer, NHV Health Resource Analyst II, MCAH
- Desiree Wenzel, NHV Program Officer I, MCAH
- Sean Watson, NHV Administrative Assistant I, MCAH
- Tamera Brower, Administrative Assistant IV, Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW)
- Robyn Cunnally, RN, Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) Health Program Specialist II, MCAH
- Crystal Johnson, Maternal Child Health (MCH) Program Manager, MCAH
- Cassius Adams, MS, Children with Special Health Care Needs Program Coordinator, MCAH
- Allison Gonzalez, MD, MPH, Adolescent Health and Wellness Coordinator, MCAH
- Jazmin Stafford, Personal Responsibility Education Program Coordinator (PREP), MCAH

1. *Call to Order and Roll Call*

Kelly Maxwell called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Quorum was confirmed. Attendees were asked to enter their names and organizations into the chat.

2. *Public Comment (Discussion Only)*

No public comment was made.

3. *Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2025. (For Possible Action)*

Ms. Maxwell confirmed that committee members have received the last meeting minutes and had the opportunity for review.

Ms. Maxwell inquired if any changes or corrections were requested. No modifications were requested.

Ms. Maxwell motioned to approve the minutes. Jessica Roew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Update on Committee appointments. (Informational Only)*

Ms. Maxwell introduced and welcomed the newly appointed members Jenna Dykes, Tamara Thompson, Susan Crutchfield, and Dr. Tricia Sellers.

5. *Resignation of Committee Member and possible replacement nominee. (For Possible Action)*

Ms. Maxwell informed the committee that Carissa Pearce had resigned from her position as a board member. She expressed her appreciation for Ms. Pearce's service and contributions to the committee.

Ms. Maxwell inquired whether there were any nominations from the Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA). Hearing none, she requested that any committee members with connections to CAA notify the organization of the committee's interest in establishing communication and encourage them to contact Sean Watson - seawatson@health.nv.gov and Desiree Wenzel- ddwenzel@health.nv.gov.

6. *Discussion and possible action for nomination for a new Committee Chair. (For Possible Action)*

Ms. Maxwell announced that she will be stepping down as the Committee Chair effective as of March 3, 2026.

Ms. Maxwell asked the committee if there were any nominations for the chair position. No nominations were heard.

Ms. Maxwell requested guidance from Rachel Marchetti regarding how the committee should proceed.

Ms. Marchetti stated that the chair position will remain open until it is filled. She advised that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) will serve as facilitator in the interim.

Ms. Marchetti encouraged any member interested in the Chair position, or in nominating someone they felt would be a good fit, to reach out for further information. She emphasized that the Committee was available to provide more details about the role and to assist those considering the position. Ms. Marchetti directed anyone interested in applying for the chair position, or seeking additional information to email Desiree Wenzel – ddwenzel@health.nv.gov or Sean Watson – sewatson@health.nv.gov

7. Update from Baby's Bounty regarding recent DRC related activities. (For Information Only)

Ms. Maxwell reported on a recent meeting with Senator Jacky Rosen, during which diaper needs in Nevada, policy considerations, and potential funding opportunities were discussed. She noted that Senator Rosen expressed limited optimism regarding the availability of new federal funding for diaper assistance due to current budget constraints. She encouraged partners to continue pursuing grant opportunities and ongoing advocacy.

Ms. Lacey Gero provided an update on national legislative activity, including proposed legislation aimed at supporting military families through diaper assistance. She explained that the funding would be administered through the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in partnership with agencies serving military bases. Ms. Gero noted that this legislation was prompted by a study conducted in North Carolina indicating that families living on military bases were experiencing challenges accessing diapers.

Ms. Gero also highlighted the Tanith Hygiene Access Act, which evolved from an earlier proposal to include diapers under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. The current version expands the concept into a pilot program addressing a broader range of hygiene products, including diapers, period supplies, and household hygiene items.

Ms. Gero asked whether similar needs among military families have been identified in Nevada.

Ms. Maxwell responded that Baby's Bounty hosts monthly recurring events at diaper banks at both Creech Air Force Base and Nellis Air Force Base, serving approximately two hundred military families at each location. She noted that while the events are no longer restricted exclusively to military families, they are held just outside the

banks and advertised only within the bases. Ms. Maxwell reported an increase in families experiencing hardship and highlighted additional support efforts, including military baby showers.

Ms. Maxwell reminded the committee that, at the previous meeting, they discussed receiving significant donations—one from Huggies through the National Diaper Bank Network and another from Baby2Baby. She reported that Baby’s Bounty now has a fully stocked warehouse and continues to distribute supplies.

Ms. Maxwell invited updates or discussion from other attending organizations.

She reiterated her previous encouragement for organizations to participate in the National Diaper Bank Network and noted that scholarships are available to support member participation.

Ms. Maxwell also informed the committee of upcoming lobby days in April and advised interested individuals to contact the National Diaper Bank Network for additional information.

8. Discussion and Update on Diaper Banks Inventory, Mapping, and Resource Needs Assessment. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Maxwell reported that in February, surveys were distributed to identified diapering resource partners across the state, including all Diapering Resource Committee (DRC) partners. She stated that eight responses had been received, with half indicating moderate to significant diaper shortages. Sizes 3–5 were identified as the most requested, though several agencies reported needs across all sizes. Additional requested items included baby wipes, diaper creams, and ointments. Ms. Maxwell noted that outreach efforts would continue to encourage partners to complete the survey.

Ms. Maxwell invited the committee to discuss current diaper shortages and potential strategies to address identified gaps.

9. Discussion and Update Regarding Diapering Resource Account Funding Guidance. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Maxwell reported that the state team confirmed there are no current barriers to receiving grant or donation funds for the Diaper Resource Account. She noted that any grant pursued by the committee must first receive internal approval from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), after which state staff will assist with the submission process.

Ms. Maxwell advised the committee that it appears appropriate to move forward in pursuing funding opportunities. She expressed interest in exploring whether participation through the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) could support diaper funding for military families. She also discussed the possibility of establishing a committee-led partnership to distribute resources to organizations statewide, particularly those located near military bases.

Ms. Maxwell opened the floor for discussion regarding potential funding opportunities.

Ms. Lacey Gero expressed support for exploring funding options but noted that the eligibility requirements of certain grants may pose a challenge, as they might be more accessible to diaper banks than to the committee.

Ms. Gero referenced a previous discussion regarding a potential opportunity through Walmart Community Funds but is uncertain whether the timeline aligns for pursuing that opportunity.

Ms. Kelly Maxwell inquired whether any committee member would be willing to research grant opportunities that could allow the committee to serve as a pass-through entity for funding diaper banks, rather than having the banks apply directly.

Ms. Maxwell stated that an email inquiry would be sent to follow up on the matter.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve future meeting dates. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Maxwell reported that the state team is in the process of updating the Diapering Resource Center (DRC) website. She requested that committee members provide updated contact information to Sean Watson – sewatson@health.nv.gov and Desiree Wenzel – ddwenzel@health.nv.gov. She noted that the website updates will include revised staff and committee member listings, an updated RFI process, current bylaws, and a comprehensive list of diaper banks and diapering resources across the state.

Ms. Maxwell stated that she will distribute the QR code for the Baby's Bounty App, which will allow the public to access diaper bank resources and register online.

Ms. Maxwell invited committee members to offer additional recommendations or feedback regarding the planned website updates.

No responses were received.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve future meeting dates. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Maxwell announced the proposed dates for 2026 meetings are June 3rd, September 9th, and December 9th. She requested that the committee share any potential conflicts with the proposed dates. No conflicts were raised.

Ms. Jessica Roew motioned to approve the meeting dates. Lacey Gero seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Public Comment. (Discussion Only)

No public comment was made.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.