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### NEW JERSEY MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH INNOVATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

#### Minutes of the Meeting August 28, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority (“MIHIA”) held virtually on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Shakira Abdul-Ali – Public Member  
Vineeta Kapahi (Designee for Sarah Adelman) – Governor Representative  
Dr. Philip Bonaparte – Public Member  
Barbara George Johnson - Public Member  
Dr. Tamika Quick (Designee for Dr. Brian Bridges) – Governor Representative  
Holly Low – Governor Representative  
Andrea Martinez-Mejia - Public Member  
Maritza Raimundi-Petroski – Public Member  
Dr. Damali Campbell-Oparaji – Public Member  
Kaitlan Baston – Governor Representative  
Katherine Stoehr- 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

Dr. Brian Bridges joined the meeting after the President & CEO statement.

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 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, Attorney General's Office and Treasury.

### **Chair update**

The newly appointed Chair, Barbara George Johnson, addressed the Board and expressed that she was honored to be appointed as the inaugural Chair and advised that she will begin assembling committees.

### **President & CEO Statement**

President & CEO Asare congratulated Chair George-Johnson and Vice Chair Commissioner Baston on their appointment. She also advised that MIHIA is working to build its leadership team and has advertised for open positions.

President & CEO Asare advised that the architectural firm Ballinger is leading the planning of the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center and will soon be presenting to the Board.

Lastly, President & CEO Asare spoke to the Board about the transfer of the New Jersey Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (NJMCQC) to MIHIA from the Department of Health (DOH). She provided some background on the NJMCQC and advised that the NJMCQC will act as a strategic thought partner to MIHIA.

### **Matters Requiring Board Action**

#### **a. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes.**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from June 26, 2024 by Public Member, Andrea Martinez-Mejia and was seconded by Public Member, Maritza Raimundi-Petroski. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### **b. Resolution to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Health (DOH for Transfer of the New Jersey Maternal Care Quality Collaborative.**

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Enter into MOU with DOH for Transfer of NJMCQC by Public Member, Dr. Philip Bonaparte and was seconded by Public Member, Andrea Martinez-Mejia. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### **c. Resolution to Adopt the New Jersey Maternal Care Quality Collaborative Bylaws.**

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Adopt the NJMCQC Bylaws by Public Member, Shakira Abdul-Ali and was seconded by Public Member, Maritza Raimundi-Petroski. 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 Barbara George-Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. Public Member, Andrea Martinez-Mejia made the motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Commissioner Kaitlan Baston seconded the motion.

I hereby certify this to be a true and original copy of the August 28, 2024, New Jersey Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority Board meeting minutes.

*Lisa Asare*

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Lisa Asare,  
President and CEO.