

NJMIHIA IS BORN



NJMIHIA launched at its first Board meeting in March 2024. First Lady Tammy Murphy announced the appointment of Lisa Asare as MIHIA's President and CEO, along with the creation of a cabinet level role supporting maternal and infant health. President & CEO Asare expressed her personal investment in the issue. Board members called for efforts to address systemic racism in healthcare and advocated for comprehensive implicit-bias training. The Authority moved forward with plans to establish the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center (MIHIC) in partnership with The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), which will serve as a hub for innovation, workforce development, provide social services and supports, and implement clinical best practices.

BOARD CHAIR



"I am deeply honored to be appointed Chair of the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority Board. I have been fortunate to spend the last 30 years working on addressing health disparities and creating solutions that benefit the most vulnerable residents in our state, and I am committed to continuing this vital work. This role offers an invaluable opportunity to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. I look forward to collaborating with the NJMIHIA Board, a team of dedicated professionals and stakeholders, to implement innovative solutions to ensure that every mother and infant receives the highest standard of care. Together, we will strive to make a significant and lasting impact on the health and well-being of families throughout our state."

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