

NEVADA DIAPERING RESOURCE COMMITTEE

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2025, TIME: 11:00 AM

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Lacey Gero
- Samantha Berkule Johnson, Ph.D.
- Ann McIntyre
- Blanca Ayala
- Kelly Maxwell
- Carissa Pearce
- Jessica Roew

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

- Vickie Ives, MA, Bureau Chief, Child, Family, and Community Wellness (CFCW)
- Rachel Marchetti, MBA, Nevada Home Visiting (NHV) Program Manager, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
- Helina Ashagrie, NHV Program Coordinator, MCAH
- Shannon Frazer, NHV Health Resource Analyst II, MCAH
- Desiree Wenzel, NHV Program Officer I, MCAH
- Tammera Brower, Administrative Assistant IV, CFCW
- Barbara Bessol, Administrative Assistant III, MCAH
- Alyssa DiBona, Administrative Assistant II, MCAH
- Sean Watson, NHV Administrative Assistant I, MCAH

1. *Call to order and roll call*

Lacey Gero called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. Attendees were asked to enter their names and organizations into the chat.

2. *Public Comment*

Ms. Gero provided a presentation during the public comment period on behalf of the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN). She shared information regarding the newly launched National Diaper Insecurity Map on the national local and state level. The map provides state and county level estimates of diaper need, demographic indicators, and annual diaper gaps. The National Diaper Bank network is looking at households with children three and younger that are below three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty line and identifying a diaper gap across the county. It would take 4.8 billion diapers each year to fill the gap at the federal level, with the use of the map allowing us to look at the county level. Clark County's estimated annual diaper gap was highlighted as forty (40) million diapers. Ms. Gero states that there are forty (40) million diapers each year to ensure that all the children in need of diapers in the county have what they need. Ms. Gero shows that the map indicates some of the counties don't have all that information broken down but for the most we should be able to see the demographic information.

No additional public comment was made.

3. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2025, and June 18, 2025*

Ms. Gero confirmed that committee members had received both sets of minutes and had the opportunity to review them. After confirming receipt and review by all members present, she asked whether any changes or corrections were requested. No modifications were voiced.

Lacey Gero moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Blanca Ayala seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Committee pending appointment*

Ms. Gero reported that four (4) committee appointment applications were received in September 2025. The materials were submitted to the Director's Office, and a status update has been requested. No additional updates are available at this time.

5. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to explore funding possibilities.*

Ms. Gero opened the floor for discussion on any new information on potential funding sources.

Ms. McIntyre asked whether any diaper banks in Nevada are currently experiencing difficulties securing diapers. She encouraged committee members to reach out to diaper banks, particularly smaller organizations, to assess specific needs and explore partnership opportunities. She suggested that partnerships could include diaper banks both within and outside of Nevada. Ms. McIntyre also noted that her organization maintains a surplus of diaper inventory and expressed willingness to share resources with diaper banks in need.

Vickie Ives recommended creating a survey to distribute to the diaper banks within the state to collect information on capacity, gaps, and current diaper supplies.

Kelly Maxwell agreed that there is a need for resources throughout the state and feels that a great number of committee members would be happy for the opportunity to share resources to fill the gaps. Kelly Maxwell notes that surveying all the diaper banks could certainly help to get an idea of the needs.

Ann McIntyre expanded on the reach of her organization. Ms. McIntyre noted that her organization provides resources across the United States when the need is expressed. She would like to see the Diapering Resources Committee become a liaison to the smaller diaper banks to help them be successful.

Lacey Gero agreed that a survey would be beneficial. Ms. Gero noted that an area that should be surveyed is the sizes of diapers that are of the highest need for the Diaper Banks. This will help to ensure that the shared resources meet the needs of the banks requesting them.

Rachel Marchetti confirmed that state staff could create and distribute a survey if provided with a list of diaper banks. She also noted that state staff will conduct additional research to identify diaper banks across Nevada, supplementing any information shared by committee members.

Ms. Maxwell requested clarification on whether the diaper banks included are limited to National Diaper Bank Network members. She noted that there are currently two national diaper banks represented on the Diapering Resource Committee: Baby's Bounty and Southern Nevada.

Ms. McIntyre emphasized the importance of including all diaper banks and noted that larger organizations could support smaller ones with diapers, connections, and other resources.

Ms. Maxwell requested clarification on the quantities and sizes that Ms. McIntyre's organization would be willing to share. Ms. McIntyre stated that her organization currently has a warehouse supply of diapers in all sizes and expressed willingness to share inventory to meet community needs. She noted that her organization could ship quantities, such as 1,000 diapers, to diaper banks that lack donors or capacity. She emphasized that the Diapering Resource Committee plays a key role in supporting smaller diaper banks and ensuring children across Nevada have access to appropriate diaper resources.

Ms. Maxwell voiced her agreement that the surveys are a strong first step in assessing community needs and determining next steps. Ms. Gero asked whether Ms. Maxwell would assist in identifying diaper banks outside of the National Diaper Bank Network.

Ms. Maxwell confirmed and noted that Nevada 211 is a valuable resource and that she is willing to help identify additional diaper banks.

Ms. Ives noted that the program had a diapering resources list on its website; however, due to multiple migrations, it is not currently posting correctly. She stated that the program maintains internal points of contact from the 2019 diaper distribution efforts and that any additional information would be helpful. Ms. Ives also suggested that the committee capture feedback on diaper sizes and quantities through a statewide survey of diaper banks and other diaper-providing entities.

Lacey Gero moved that state staff develop and distribute a statewide diaper bank survey to assess the needs of diaper banks and other entities providing diapers. Jessica Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action on updating the Diapering Resources Committee website.

Ms. Gero provided an update on the Diapering Resource Committee (DRC) website. She noted that updates are currently in progress and will include an updated staff list, committee membership list, Request for Information (RFI) process, and bylaws.

Ms. Gero asked if there were any additional recommendations or feedback regarding the website updates. Hearing none, the committee moved to the next agenda item.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action on connecting with and maintaining a list of active diaper banks across Nevada.

Ms. Gero noted that state staff have recommended adding an ongoing, publicly available list of active diaper banks across Nevada to the DRC website. This list would include hours of operation and links to each organization's website or current events and services. She encouraged committee members and attendees to share any information that could help expand and maintain this list.

Committee members discussed the importance of maintaining an updated statewide list of diaper banks, including hours, services, and contact information.

Members were asked to send any helpful information on this topic to:

- Kelly Maxwell – kelly@babiesbounty.org
- Rachel Marchetti – rmarchetti@health.nv.gov

This work will align with the statewide survey described in Agenda Item 5.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action regarding current and ongoing endeavors to obtain donations of money, diapers, diapering supplies or any combination thereof such as those described in Nevada Revised Statute 422A. 660(1)b.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-422A.html#NRS422ASec660>

Ms. McIntyre asked whether the previously discussed and approved survey would serve as the basis for this effort. Ms. Gero responded that the survey would help clarify needs and better identify where donations are most needed, noting that this agenda item also focuses on obtaining donations, funding, and diapering supplies.

Ms. Marchetti stated that the efforts are aligned and emphasized the importance of considering both the acquisition of diapers and diapering supplies as well as funding sources. She noted that Nevada Revised Statutes allow for donations to support funding, which could be used to purchase supplies as needed. She encouraged committee members to share information about any potential donation opportunities or funding sources that could help support ongoing diapering resource efforts.

Blanca Ayala noted that in prior years the committee discussed the lack of a fiscal mechanism to accept funds. She suggested that the DRC website could include a donation option to allow the public to contribute.

Ms. Ives explained that the Diapering Resource Committee does have a state account established; however, it currently has no dedicated funding. She noted that the account is unfunded and would require additional clarification regarding its allowable uses in relation to donations.

Ms. McIntyre asked whether the Diapering Resource Committee could apply for grants as a collective entity, such as the Walmart Spark Good Grant. Ms. Ives stated that statute allows the committee to pursue grants. She explained that an account has been established with the State under the Division of Public and Behavioral Health; however, if funds were to be received directly, the State would need to facilitate the application and donation process. She noted that additional guidance is needed regarding administrative procedures, particularly due to the committee's status as an open meeting law body. Any application materials drafted by the committee would need to be developed and approved during a properly noticed public meeting with quorum.

Ms. Gero asked whether the Diapering Resource Committee could meet outside of the regularly scheduled meetings. Ms. Ives confirmed that an additional meeting could be held, provided all documentation and public notice requirements are met, noting that the fastest timeline to satisfy these requirements is typically two weeks.

Ms. McIntyre asked whether the committee could conduct a donation campaign or if such efforts would require approval from the Division Administrator. Jessica Roew shared a link to Grant Lab in the chat as a potential resource.

Ms. Ives explained that a donation campaign differs from grant activity and noted that, under statute, the committee's scope includes research, increasing availability of resources, and pursuing funding opportunities. She stated that an account exists within the Division under the direction of the Administrator but is currently unfunded. Funding could potentially be added through grants or other statutorily allowed processes. Ms. Ives also noted that Sean Watson or Desiree Wenzel would share the relevant statutes with the committee for review.

Ms. Gero asked whether, if the committee were to pursue grants, the State would require an administrative fee or retain a portion of grant funds to support grant administration.

Ms. Ives noted that any administrative cost would depend on the size of the grant and would likely be minimal. She explained that the State has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, and unless a grant is large enough to require additional staff to manage funds and compliance requirements, administrative costs would generally not exceed that rate.

Lacey Gero moved that department staff to investigate permissions related to the account, including access and the ability to apply for grants. Ann McIntyre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. State staff will report on findings at a future meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was made.

10. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.