



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** A) Approve the Appointment of Carla Denner, Catherine Barrisford, and Elizabeth Vermilyea to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.  
B) Approve the Re-Appointment of Natalie Johnson, Gina Cuclis, Renee Alger, and Dr. Hannah Watson to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.  
(Countywide)

**Sponsors:** Health Services

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** 1. Summary Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Membership

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/12/2022	1	Board of Supervisors	Approved as recommended	Pass

**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Department of Health Services  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Tina Rivera 707-565-4774  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority  
**Supervisory District(s):** Countywide

**Recommended Action:**

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**Executive Summary:**

The Sonoma County Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program promotes the physical, social, and emotional health of childbearing women, children, adolescents, and their families in Sonoma County. The Program's Advisory Board, created in 1982, as required by State legislation, acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors through the Department of Health Services. The Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board bylaws specify that members will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. (Countywide)

**Discussion:**

The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Program interacts with community systems as a partner in providing direct safety net services to high risk maternal, child, and adolescent populations, as a

coordinator of community-wide services and programs, and as a convener of the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board and other collaborative groups to address emerging health needs in the community. The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board has been an important vehicle for the implementing prevention strategies and coordinating services that benefit the entire community.

Collaborating with local organizations and individuals is critical to reducing disparities and improving the overall health of women, children, and adolescents in Sonoma County.

**New Appointments to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board**

The Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board bylaws specify that members be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. When vacancies on the Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board occur, the openings are posted on the County website in accordance with the Maddy Act and replacements are recruited from the community. Following procedures outlined in the bylaws, all applications are reviewed by the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, who then make recommendations to the Department of Health Services (DHS, or the Department).

DHS recommends that the Board appoint the following individuals to the Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a new two-year term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Candidate	Representation
Carla Denner	Community Representatives; Safety and Prevention of Violence
Elizabeth Vermilyea	Consumer/Parent/Advocate
Catherine Barrisford	Consumer/Parent/Advocate

Carla Denner earned her Bachelor’s in Sociology from University of California Santa Barbara and her Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan and she is currently working as a Mind Body Medicine Facilitator at the Center for Mind Body Medicine. Previously she was a County of Sonoma Health Services employee in the Behavioral Health Division. She believes her experience working in this division will provide a unique insight and perspective to the advisory board.

Elizabeth Vermilyea is the Deputy Director of the Child Parent Institute. She has earned a Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University and a Doctor of Philosophy from Capella University. She has 30 years of experience in the field of trauma and stress and plans to bring this expertise to the table.

Catherine Barrisford is a Registered Nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Davis and her Master of Science in Nursing from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. She has 8 years of primary care and clinical nursing experience and is Spanish bilingual. She’s been an at-home-mom since the Tubbs Fire. She will bring insight that comes from being a nurse, in addition to being a voice for parents who are immersed in the day-to-day lives of children and young families in the school community.

**Reappointments to the Sonoma County Maternal Child Adolescent Health Advisory Board**

The Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board bylaws specify that at the end of a member’s term, members in good standing will be invited to remain on the Advisory Board and, upon their consent, reappointment will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors. DHS recommends that Board reappoint the following members to the Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory

Board for a retroactive term, as these are reappointments, beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health staff were unable to compile this board summary prior to the new term going into effect.

Candidate	Representation
Natalie Johnson	School Health Personnel; Special Education
Dr. Hannah Watson	Health Professionals; Behavioral Health
Renée Alger, PhD	Community Representatives; Parenting
Gina Cuclis	Elected Officials and/or their Representatives

A table listing the full Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board membership is provided as Attachment 1.

**Prior Board Actions:**

The Board of Supervisors appoints/reappoints Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board members as needed. Most recently, on December 15, 2020, the Board A) appointed Mayra Gallegos, Leatisia Mankaa, and Ashley Chavez to the Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 and B) reappointed Annie Nicol, Bonnie Hayne, Elizabeth Smith, Bonnie Hayne, Gina Berry, Jeff Miller, Karla Fittipaldi, Kathy Kane, Marta Tilling, Melissa Apuya, Rachel Napoli, Stephanie Montez, and Viveka Rydell-Anderson to the Sonoma County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a new term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Membership

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None