## Attendees Present

The meeting was held at the Kamamalu Conference Room at 1010 Richards St. in Honolulu, and broadcast via Zoom to statewide attendees.

Lisa Kimura (HMHB), Katelyn McIntosh (HMHB), Kari Wheeling (HMHB), Noel Akon (MCBH-WRHS DOH), Pat Bilyk (BF Hawaii), Wendy Nihoa (MCBH-WRHS DOH), Laurie Field (Planned Parenthood), Nicole Mannion (HCAPP), Krystle Niemala (Birth Douala), Jennifer Elia (UH), Carolyn Donohoe Mather (DOH-WIC), Spencer Tengan (HCAPP), Lin Joseph (MOD), Doris Matsunaga (KKV), Laura Nevitt (HCAN), Krista Olson (BF Hawaii), Annette Manant (American College of Nurse-Midwives), Tracey Bischoff (UnitedHealth Care), Le’a Minton (Breastfeeding Hawaii)

## Partners News, Updates & Events

Attendees introduced themselves and shared any relevant news, updates and events.

### Le’a Minton:
- There is a pilot project through an AlohaCare Grant where Certified Nurse-Midwives are collaborating with University Health partners on high-risk perinatal cases
- Midwives will be going out into the community to provide care for these clients who may have difficulty coming into clinics
- High-risk could be: substance abuse, diabetes, previous preterm delivery issues
- This will demonstrate a model where care comes to the client
- Utilizing telehealth, providing better access to care
- 1 year grant, starts sometime in 2019 (TBD)
- Accepts both self-referral and referral from providers

### Annette Manant:
- January 19th there will be an affiliate meeting on Oahu (Nurse-midwife affiliate members only) to talk about legislation in regards to midwifery

### Carolyn Donohoe-Mather:
- WIC is looking to expand their breastfeeding peer counselor program to neighbor islands

### Lisa Kimura
- HMHB’s Piko Pals program provides 12 weeks of new parent support with a trained group facilitator
- 4 new groups are launching on Oahu in February.
- HMHB is focusing on providing this program with specific outreach to Native Hawaiian populations, starting with a group in Waianae
- Volunteers are needed as group facilitators; next training is Feb 6
Women’s Health Studies that are Currently Recruiting:

Focus Groups: Tell Us What You Think About Sex Education in Hawaii
- Must be 18-19 year olds who attended high school in Hawaii
- Groups will be held on various dates and locations
- Purpose is to understand how sex ed is currently being conducted and where there can be improvements
- Next focus group on January 29, 2019 on Leeward side

Emergency Contraception Study:
- Comparing effectiveness of emergency contraception
- Patients have to be over 176 lbs (to test emergency contraception efficacy on females over this weight)

New Copper IUD: The Mona Lisa vs. Paragard
- Comparing effectiveness of new copper IUD, “The Mona Lisa” to “Paragard”
- The Mona Lisa is slightly smaller with the same amount of copper
- Participants get a free IUD

Studying New Copper IUD: VeraCept
- ½ the amount of copper
- Has a different shape

Interviews:
- Interviewing transgender individuals to look at their reproductive health care experience and their needs
- What have their experiences been in accessing health care

Hypothetical future study if grant is funded:
- Studying postpartum physical activity and how easily moms begin/return to an exercise routine
- Utilizing eHealth tools to track participant information
- Focus groups are specific to Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander mothers

Participants informed the group on any upcoming bills.

Laurie Field, Planned Parenthood:

Title X:
- Provides reimbursement for family planning resources including contraceptives and other preventative care, NOT abortions
- Trump wants to restrict these funds going to abortion providers or any health care provider that provides info regarding abortions
- Governor Ige has concluded this is unethical and has included money in this session to secure these services (2.4 million)
Amend Abortion Law:
- Women are limited to receiving surgical abortion services only from physicians; other medical providers are capable of providing such care under their scope of practice, but are unable.
- There are extreme delays in getting an abortion due to lack of physicians who do provide (e.g. – limited days per month on neighbor islands)
- Amend law to allow any licensed health care profession practicing within their lawful practice can provide an abortion
- Ensures women get the care they need when they need it

Bill to ban employers from discriminating against employees health care decisions

Sex ed/Sex Abuse prevention task force
- How can we better support the Department of Education

Opening the new Planned Parenthood health center in Honolulu on Feb 21, 2019

Annette Manant:
Midwife Licensure Bill:
- Plan is to recognize the definition of a midwife, their importance and provide care at their full scope
- Concerns about reporting to two different Boards and the logistics

Lisa Kimura, HMHB:
- Paid Family Leave is still a priority, March of Dimes is now supporting this issue
- Efforts this year are focused on more business outreach