

MCH Section annual report – June 2022

The Maternal and Child Health section was established following approval at the 2021 NDPHA Annual Meeting. As a new section, we first met to establish priorities and goals for this section. Based on our initial section meeting at the Annual Meeting in June 2021, and our section meeting in October 2021, we decided to focus on workforce development and building connections between MCH professionals. These focus areas are important as MCH is such a broad and developing field, and this allows us to stay connected as a community and lift each other up as professionals.

As a section, we decided to host Brown Bag Sessions approximately 4 times a year. During these sessions we will invite an MCH professional to share their work (programs, research, teaching, etc.) in a public format. We ask each presenter to spend a bit of time talking about how other MCH professionals can connect with them or get involved in their work. This allows the MCH community to learn more about what others are doing in ND, and to build networks and collaborations.

Future plans include pursuing scholarship dollars for MCH professionals or those interested in MCH to pursue additional education. We would also like to start a MCH resource website for ND.

Overall this first year has gone well. We held one section meeting and one Brown Bag Session (with 39 attendees), with more planned for the coming months. The section attracted a broad array of MCH professionals for membership, including students, academics, state health officials, individuals from non-profit organizations and health care centers. We look forward to growing our membership in the coming years.

List of Committee Members:

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Meeting Date and Type of Meeting or Communication Date and Type	Next Meeting Date
MCH Section Meeting – October 22, 2021	MCH Section Meeting – June 8, 2022
MCH Brown Bag Session – March 30, 2022	MCH Brown Bag Session - July/August 2022
MCH Section Meeting – Fall 2022	MCH Brown Bag Session – November/December 2022
MCH Section Meeting Winter/Spring 2022	MCH Brown Bag Session – March/April 2023

Committee/Section Chair:

Andrew Williams
