



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for April 10, 2019, 12 noon

Present: Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep), presiding, Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (LLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the March 13 2019 minutes was accepted by consensus.

Treasurer Report: Lori reported one new member in March, and that the Disparities in Breastfeeding Conference financials are still wrapping up. Some funds are still coming in against outstanding invoices. Any leftover funding will be restricted to the same purpose for future efforts.

The 2019 budget presented by Lori was discussed and adopted unanimously by the Leadership Board.

New Business:

Elections: The ballot for the 2019 Regional Representatives election for Regions 1 and 3 was presented by Jennifer on behalf of Mary for the Nominations Committee, and was accepted by the Leadership Board. Laura Knisley is running unopposed for Region 1 and Lori Nester is running unopposed for Region 3. The election will open on April 11 and run until April 31, using ElectionRunner.com. Results will be announced on May 1.

Annual Report: Ann will take Jennifer's slides from the OLCA conference and publish them as an annual report on the website. Lori can send the report out via MailChimp.

Annual Meeting: The group discussed holding the next annual meeting as a June webinar online. The date selected was June 19 2019 for the board meeting and webinar as a combined event, after the USBC NBCC. A plan will need to be put together for the webinar. Lori suggested a meeting for the regional representatives to help orient them to their regions, the board, and who the OBA members are in their regions and how reps can connect with them. Planning for an in-person meeting in the fall (October) is also needed. Information can be included on the child care project and the NIP toolkit.

Chocolate Milk Screenings: A new movie is being offered for groups to sponsor screenings for members and the public, if any organizations are interested. Lori is going to ask if the Minority Health Fund is interested in helping to sponsor a showing. Lori would like to include minority/Black-focused coalitions or groups in the database specifically, per a discussion between herself and Cissy Watkins on ways to further support for Black breastfeeding families.

ODH Publication: Libby, in preparing for BFHI re-certification, asked about helping ODH update the information and language in the ODH booklet "How to Breastfeed Your Baby" as some of the booklet's

contents are out of date or inaccurate. Libby wanted to know if BFHI should also be asked to review the changes. Libby also reviewed the information that needed changed, looking for input from the group.

USBC Membership: Lori completed the membership application and we are waiting to be approved.

USBC NBCC: Ann and Andrea will be attending the convening on behalf of OBA. Lori will also be present on behalf of WIC. OBA is covering conference registration, and may be able to offer further funding where needed. Reimbursements go through Lori.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): ODH held another phone call February 25th, and will hold another call on March 20th. Participants are giving Bre Haviland, ODH, input based on drafts that she and OBA circulated, and that Bre is refining before each subsequent call. Progress is being made, and ODH is providing final approval on the drafts. New participants are also still welcome. ODH is envisioning a light workload to manage the program, with much done on the honor system by child care businesses. It was suggested that OBA could help play an oversight role by fielding information from families to report how businesses are doing.

First Steps (Jennifer):

Nursing In Public (Ann): A question was asked on the Facebook page's message service on behalf of a family who encountered a problem at the Great Lakes Science Center museum, and our information and support was passed to the family, but we have not heard anything back from the family.

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large: none were given this meeting.

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA:

ABN:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on May 6, 2019.