



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for January 9, 2019, 12 noon

Present: Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep), presiding, Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (LLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Laura Knisley(R1 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the November 9th, 2018 board call were accepted by consensus.

Treasurer Report: Lori reported on the financial collaboration from the Disparities in Breastfeeding workshop in December, which she is still finishing up. As of this meeting, expenses for the conference exceeded revenue coming in to OBA, so Lori is seeking additional funding from the donors and sponsors who were expected to cover those costs. Lori has also ordered new checks as an expense for OBA, and there were two new memberships in December. Jennifer asked for draft budget proposals to be sent around prior to the February call, so that the budget can be approved in February, and Lori assented.

New Business:

MailChimp: work in progress, Lori will work with Ann to finish system setup.

PPM work: Still in progress, tabled until February. Lori will send around draft of Non-Discrimination Policy, which was begun at the request of the donors to the Disparities in Breastfeeding.

Elections: The board discussed the timetable and needs for upcoming elections. Regions 1 and 3 will need to elect regional representatives this year. No representatives at-large are up for election this year. The expected timetable includes the release of an email asking for nominations from those regions, so that a ballot can be assembled prior to the March board call, and approved at that call. Elections can then be started up from March until the end of April, closing in advance of the May call, where nominations can be made and elections held for the Executive Committee.

New IBCLCs:

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): Members of OBA are planning a meeting with Bre Haviland from ODH regarding the future of the childcare subgroup's work. Ann will touch base with old members of the committee regarding their interest in continuing, depending on the outcome of the meeting with Bre.

First Steps (Jennifer): The First Steps group is continuing to work, but the leadership is changing, due to Jennifer moving into the committee for a next-phase program, called Next Steps. Next Steps will be a quality improvement-focused program, similar to the work of the Perinatal Network, where data is tracked and shared regarding improvements to outcomes in hospital settings, creating a state-wide

quality improvement collaborative for breastfeeding practices in hospitals. Libby will continue involvement with First Steps.

Nursing In Public (Ann): No new incidents or reports.

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

Region 1:

Region 2: Shelby County opened a milk drop location for Mothers' Milk Bank.

Region 3:

Region 4: The Mothers' Milk Bank has put out a call for donors, as they would like to increase their supply for fragile babies.

Region 5: NE Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition met and did review the daycare presentation from Early Ages Healthy Stages, and gave them their recommendations in writing. Libby also shared that the infant mortality effort in the Cleveland area and some NE Ohio breastfeeding representatives met last year to incorporate breastfeeding in their materials, but when looking at their final materials, breastfeeding was not included. That group sent a letter to the infant mortality group to request their attention to breastfeeding as a tool to reduce infant mortality. Getting breastfeeding on infant mortality efforts' radar will be a focus for breastfeeding advocates.

Region 6:

Region 7: Three new IBCLCs have been accredited in Region 7.

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Breastfest is March 15-16, 2019. Registration, call for abstracts and posters has all opened. OLCA has invited OBA to exhibit, and that will be coordinated.

ABN:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on January 8, 2019.