



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2016 Board Call beginning at 12 noon

Present: Lori Nester (Chair, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (secretary), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep), Mary Burton (R6 Rep). Jill Davis (R4 Rep) was present beginning at 12:30 pm.

Excused: Terri Rutz (R1 Rep), Jennifer Foster (Treasurer), Stephanie Carroll (R7 Rep), Sylvia Ellison (R2 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were accepted as submitted with the consensus of five board members at 12:30 pm.

Because a quorum was not present at 12 noon, the group discussed the work of the NE Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition, and their last meeting and progress. This group is interested in promoting more NIP education in their area after the success of working with the Cleveland History Museum and the museum groups, and also in working on a resource database available online for nursing mothers, and in promoting a breastfeeding warmline or hotline supported state-wide. They also support the Milk Run put on by NOLA every year during World Breastfeeding Week.

OBA is interested in supporting the resource database, and Lori is working on a prototype that may be incorporated into the OBA website.

Lori discussed the Coffective materials for new mother and healthcare worker education, which is still being implemented, and how OBA may be able to use the materials or play a role in their use as a potential revenue stream. This discussion is ongoing.

Lori also reported that the Appalachian Breastfeeding Coalition will be meeting regularly, in SE Ohio.

Ohio First Steps put out a press release about new 'best practices' awards given to Ohio hospitals. Akron General received one; this round of awards focused on Ban the Bags practices. More about Ohio First Steps may be found at:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/ofs/Ohio%20First%20Steps%20for%20Healthy%20Babies.aspx>

Lori is still working on a business card for OBA with the Ohio breastfeeding in public law on the back. Resources for employment breastfeeding support were shared.

The meeting ended by consensus at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, July 11, 2016