



## **Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health***

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Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2015, Board Conference Call, beginning at 12 pm

Present: Lori Nester (Chair, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (secretary), Jennifer Foster (Treasurer), Mary Burton (R6 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Alternate), Stephanie Carroll (R7 Alternate).

Excused: Terri Rutz (R1 Rep) .

Not Present: Jill Davis (R4 Rep), Sylvia Ellison (R2 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for the June 5 General Meeting, 2015 were presented for review, with one correction, and accepted. The correction made note that the budget which was discussed at the meeting was adopted by the board in December 2014. The minutes will be posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$4036.82. There have been two new memberships, and the domain fees for the website were paid. Jennifer also paid funds to the Cincinnati hospital for the speaker sponsored in the Continuity of Care project. Jennifer also noted she has a check from USBC, but is not sure what the funds are intended for. Lori and Jennifer will check with USBC regarding those funds.

Jennifer reported that the Chronic Disease Collaborative and Ohio Department of Health Ohio First Steps program is up and running. Kangaroo care training is going forward now. Information, dates and sites are posted at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/ofs/Skin-to-Skin%20Training.aspx>. In response to a question about how many and which hospitals are participating in Ohio First Steps, Jennifer is going to see about obtaining that information for OBA. The board discussed how OBA can help with this project. OBA may be able to help approach hospitals with offers of assistance for Steps 3 and 10 objectives, and assist with recruiting and supporting hospitals in the program, as well as providing resources. The board discussed using social media as a platform or gathering space for those interested in talking to one another about what they have learned and can share about approaching the Ten Steps, what resources are available and how hospitals or staff can get in touch with those resources and put them to use, and sharing information and education, including waiting room materials and videos.

The board reviewed a draft of a statement to be released following a Nursing in Public incident in Dayton on 9/4/2015, involving a county sheriff's deputy telling a mother to stop nursing her baby at the Dayton Jobs Center. Edits were made to the statement, which was to be released as soon as possible to the sheriff's office, the county administrator and the media, which has covered the incident upon the mother contacting them.

The board also reviewed sections of the OBA bylaws proposed changes, from the work session on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Several questions about reviewing changes to make sure they comply with Ohio charitable organization and corporation laws were asked. We hope to present the draft of bylaws to the ONU law intern once again for review before presenting it to the membership. The board also discussed changes in voting terminology from "majority" to "plurality" in electing regional representatives and members-

at-large. We will also consult the Board Source resource offered by USBC to coalitions to check our revisions as well.

The board will find a site and set a date for a General Member Meeting in November, with the goal to present the bylaws revisions at that time. Lori will be looking for that information, and will notify the board once the date and place is set.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair with consent of all.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, October 8, 2015.