



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

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Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2018 Board Call, 12 noon

Present: Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep), presiding, Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (LLLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino (R4 Rep), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep), joined at 12:30 pm.

Not Present: Terri Rutz (R1 Rep).

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the June 13 2018 meeting were approved and will be posted to the website. No meeting was held in July.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance 4794.45, with \$200 each owed to Mary Burton and Misha Trescott for USBC travel reimbursement.

New Business:

Replacement Board Member for Region 1: Terri Rutz submitted her formal letter of resignation. The Board discussed a replacement board member for Region 1. A motion was made by Ann to offer the position to Laura Knisley as she had expressed interest in taking the job on. The motion was seconded by Lori. The board voted unanimously to offer the Region 1 Representative board seat to Laura.

2018 Member Meeting: Lori is still working on a date and location for a fall member meeting. Ann will work on a business card for use at the December Infant Mortality Summit and other events.

Coffective Update: Lori reported on an upcoming meeting with ODH/WIC and Coffective, on a partnership between the entities. She will bring more information to our next meeting.

### **Committee Task Force Reports**

Childcare (Ann): The future of OECHN was discussed. Ann had attended the strategic planning sessions, and in a follow up email to Alison Patrick had expressed concern about the current structure, committees and work of OECHN not being incorporated into the plan, and asking about the future of current projects such as Ohio First Steps and the childcare project under the breastfeeding subcommittee. Alison did not know what the future of current OECHN committees would be, including the work of the breastfeeding subcommittee. More information remains to be gained on this topic. It was suggested to talk further with Bre Haviland at ODH.

First Steps: (Jennifer) Ohio First Steps has hit the 3 year mark for the first applicants, who will be coming up for renewal. Online modules for training are still in progress, should be online soon.

Nursing In Public (Ann): An event on Facebook was noted by Ann, where a woman with twins where one twin was a patient in the Cincinnati Children's NICU and the other was not, had been told by staff

that she could not store pumped milk for the non-patient twin in a hospital fridge for visiting family members, and her milk had been removed and thrown out without consulting the woman. This family did not contact OBA with concerns, but Ann brought the incident to the attention of the group. Jennifer contacted Terri Rutz, who works at CCHMC, about the incident and what had come about in terms of hospital policy. Terri had said that a new policy had been drafted but was not in place at the time of the incident, which would have prevented the incident. Ann asked Jennifer if Ohio First Steps could address this issue within its educational program, to prevent incidents like this at other Ohio hospital facilities. It was suggested to check online to see if any public statements had been made by the hospital.

**Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large:**

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Region 7:

Appalachian Breastfeeding Network: Stephanie: The breastfeeding helpline's funding is done as of September 1. ABN has shifted its publicity to focus on SE Ohio, and has been getting fewer calls as a result. There have been suggestions to join the helpline together with other efforts and create a larger regional or national helpline, and there has been contact with the Tennessee helpline on this topic. Stephanie talked with other coalitions on this topic at USBC, and has also talked with LLL USA. ABN is also working on a resource database for Appalachia, which can work cooperatively with ZipMilk and other similar services. This would enable families to find resources outside of the helpline. ABN is asking OBA for verbal support for the project. ABN is preparing a letter for organizations to sign to offer formal support for the project.

LLL Ohio:

OLCA:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on September 18, 2018.