



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

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Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2015, Board Conference Call, beginning at 12 pm

Present: Ann Davis (secretary), Terri Rutz (R1 Rep), Lori Nester (Chair, R3 Rep), Mary Burton (R6 Rep), Jill Davis (R4 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Alternate), Stephanie Carroll (R7 Alternate).

Excused: Jennifer Foster (Treasurer).

Not Present: Pam Edenfield (R6 Alternate), Sylvia Ellison (R2 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2015 were presented for review, and accepted as submitted without correction. The minutes will be posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report: There being no new transactions, excepting one new membership received, the treasurer's report will be submitted to the board via email and presented at the General Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Action by Chair: Per a motion presented by Terri Rutz and seconded by Ann Davis, and the ensuing unanimous vote, Libby Svoboda and Stephanie Carroll were accepted by the Chair as new Regional Representatives to the OBA Leadership Board. Libby will represent Region 5; Terri Hazen remains as alternate. Stephanie will represent Region 7, with no alternate at this time. It was noted that Region 2 needs to provide some proof that Sylvia is continuing as their representative at this time, or a new representative candidate put forward.

Executive Board elections: Nominations were accepted for Executive Committee positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Lori Nester was nominated for Chair, Ann Davis for Secretary, and Jennifer Foster for Treasurer. The nominations were presented to the Leadership Board as a slate. A motion to accept the nominations as a slate was made by Jill, and seconded by Terri Rutz. The motion was approved unanimously. The Chair called for a vote on the nominations. The slate of Executive Board nominees were unanimously elected. Lori will continue as chair, Ann as Secretary, and Jennifer as treasurer.

Continuity of Care Project: The proposed project to start a support group for Hispanic and under-represented mothers of color in Columbus was discussed. Jill is coordinating the creation of this group. The board approved Jill's use of OBA's nonprofit status in seeking locations for the group to meet, as local organizations with appropriate properties will exempt nonprofit groups from rental costs. OBA will act as a tax-exempt partner to get approval to meet in a church property, as Holy Name Catholic Church is interested in being a partner but must have approval from their diocese office. Ann asked about USBC approval, and Lori and Terri noted that USBC has already given OBA permission to use the funding as locally fit. Doctor's Hospital has not responded to requests to coordinate use of the funds through their Best Fed Beginnings program. Jill will come up with a list of supplies needed by the support group, including breastfeeding reference books, literature, printing and publications, and coordinate the purchase of supplies with Terri and Jennifer. Lori suggested that the group use a recent USBC webinar on Latina breastfeeding support as a resource.

Capacity Building: Lori will be looking for more information from USBC about the new website and resources available to coalitions through USBC, including a grant database that coalitions will be able to access and utilize. USBC continues to build resources for coalitions.

Chronic Disease Plan Update: Jennifer was not present to give an update. Lori commented that she is hearing positive feedback about Ohio First Steps. Lori stated that we still expect Jennifer to provide OBA with a list of hospitals participating and contact persons, as Jennifer is still working to obtain that information. It was suggested that perhaps OBA could do some publicity to hospitals about Ohio First Steps, but it would be helpful for us to have their contact list in order to do that, as OBA members are finding that their facilities are not aware of the program.

Member Meeting: The next General Meeting is set for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Westerville Public Library. Lori has a tentative agenda for the day distributed to the group. Lori is anticipating that Julie Ware, MD from Cincinnati Children's will be able to facilitate a discussion and sharing of her experience in Tennessee in creating their state coalition. The group discussed publicity and sharing the agenda for the meeting, in order to facilitate good attendance. The Member meeting will take place at 10 am, and then have a coalition networking time after lunch, at 1 pm. Options for lunch were discussed, but having people bring or get lunch on their own was the preference. Lori has asked coalition reps to come with information to share and to help facilitate discussion. Ann asked Lori for more details to put online on the website and on the Facebook page, so that people can plan for attendance. In discussing meeting planning, it was suggested that OBA may be able to take on a committee for meeting and educational event planning.

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

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