



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

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Meeting Minutes for October 10, 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 (LLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino (R4 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep).

Not Present: Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep).

**Approval of Minutes:** The corrected version of the minutes for the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 board call were accepted by consensus.

**Treasurer Report:** Lori reported two new memberships, and that she is expecting some grants and donations towards OBA presence at the Infant Mortality Summit in December in Cincinnati. OBA is working on arrangements to serve as a fiscal sponsor for the Eliminating Disparities in Breastfeeding Infant Mortality Conference, which is the pre-conference day to the OCPIM Infant Mortality Summit being held in Cincinnati in December. Conversations are in progress regarding OBA contracting with a speaker for both events. OBA would receive grant funding from several sources to support this activity. Lori will find out more about this situation, and what is expected of OBA.

New Business:

Lori and Jennifer attended the WIC Breastfeeding Summit in September, attended by many non-traditional partners that ODH is looking to work with to improve breastfeeding rates. The summit was part of the Collective/WIC partnership to see how partnerships between private entities and public agencies and facilities can improve breastfeeding rates.

**2018 Member Meeting:** Will be held at Westerville Public Library, on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Board meeting to start 10 am, Networking lunch at 12 noon, Public meeting at 1 pm. We hope local coalitions will attend and share their successes. Reviewing and approving PPM revisions will be on the agenda. Jennifer will be putting together the agenda for the meeting; any suggestions, please submit to Jennifer.

A final proof for the new business cards was discussed and accepted. These will be ready for and brought to the November 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

**Policies and Procedures Manual:** Lori will be meeting with the ONU intern to review our draft policies, which are scheduled to be reviewed and approved at the 11/9 meeting.

**Exhibit opportunities:** OBA has been asked to exhibit at the Appalachian Breastfeeding Network conference, and at the Hamilton County Infant Mortality Summit in December, and at Akron Children's Hospital fall 2019 conference. Jennifer suggested we may want to empower a committee to take on these opportunities and find volunteers and materials to staff them. Any opportunities to exhibit are

welcome to be shared. Jennifer appointed Lori to be the informal board member in charge of this effort, she has been handling these efforts ongoing.

### **Committee Task Force Reports**

**Childcare (Ann):** ODH is receiving a SPAN 2018 grant from CDC which will be used for support of breastfeeding and child care in part. ODH has said they intend to involve OBA in the programming associated with this grant, but no direct contact yet, beyond accepting offers of assistance from OLCA and OBA. Jennifer reported that Bre Haviland did announce the SPAN grant and it will be used for a breastfeeding friendly childcare award, and an education component for child cares in Ohio on breastfeeding. We hope to hear more information soon from ODH. Ann and Lori discussed creation of some social media memes to help support education on child care and breastfeeding. Jennifer requested that we start with identifying a model breastfeeding policy for child care centers, which can be referred to in creating one required by the center under Ohio policy now.

Libby also shared that they are still networking with the Early Ages Healthy Stages group in Cuyahoga County. They are planning to meet again to put together a breastfeeding checklist.

**First Steps (Jennifer):** Online learning modules are now available. They ended up having only 8 modules approved by Ohio. Hospitals will be able to use First Steps webinars towards all 15 needed modules for BFHI staff education. They are pushing into a new program, Next Steps, which would be a quality improvement program directed towards First Steps/BFHI facilities improving certain practices. They are planning to start with skin to skin practices, and rooming-in practices that will improve patient/baby experiences in participating hospitals. They would collect data, share best practices, and participate in webinars for education on the topics. Libby shared that her hospital is going for re-designation, and she will share the First Steps modules, recommending them for staff updates as they move into re-designation.

**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:

Region 3: Lori will be attending State Health Improvement plan meetings, to help push inclusion of breastfeeding topics.

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Planning for annual conference has already begun for next March, stay tuned. Fall meetings will have CERPS, watch website. OLCA fall meeting 11/10/2018, CERP presentation will be given.

ABN: Hotline is 24 hours now, running on volunteers, as funding has run out, but ABN is keeping it going. Still putting out for grants to support this program.

Because of the in-person Board Meeting to be held November 9<sup>th</sup>, no Board Call will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The next Board call after November will be Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on November 8th, 2018.