



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

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Leadership Board Call Minutes for August 14, 2019, 12 noon

Present: Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), presiding, Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (LLLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep), Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep).

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft of the May 8 2019 minutes was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer Report:** Lori shared her progress in clearing up discrepancies and totals of committed funds, especially those for the continuing work of the Breastfeeding Disparities conference group. We are holding over \$10K for the continuance of educational efforts to help end disparities in breastfeeding support. Lori is the contact point for that planning committee, including Julie Ware who is spearheading this effort. Ann asked that we clarify what the actual representative organization or organizations are within this committee, and what the plans are for these funds, to be in compliance with our 501c3 status. Other recent OBA expenses were primarily for USBC NBCC attendance support.

OBA Ending balance: \$2135.75

Disparities Funding remaining: \$11613.85

WBOC Funding remaining: \$1441.28

Paramount Grant (restricted) remainder: \$123.02

**Annual Meeting:** The next General Meeting is scheduled tentatively for August 27, 2019, 1-5 pm, at the Westerville Public Library. There will not be a Leadership Board meeting, as we will not be able to have a quorum present. Bre Haviland from ODH will be attending to talk about changes within ODH and cooperative projects with OBA on childcare and workplace recognition. We will also be discussing possible publicity materials, working with groups like BOOBS (Breastfeeding Outreach for Our Beautiful Sisters) in Cincinnati to promote Black and minority breastfeeding support, and any new initiatives. This meeting will be taking place just before the state WIC conference, which starts in the evening in Columbus.

**BOOBS cooperative effort:** OBA was contacted by BOOBS in Cincinnati for support of their Black Breastfeeding Week plans, and would like to work with OBA on future endeavors. We are getting in late on this year's project, and the Executive Committee approved a donation of \$125 to the BOOBS event. The Leadership Board voted to approve this disbursement. We are looking at opportunities to participate in cooperative action with them in the future. Janelle McClain is the contact person with BOOBS whom Lori has spoken with.

**WIC Booklet:** Libby gave a follow-up report on the use of the WIC booklet "How to Breastfeed Your Baby." She has received permission from BFUSA to use the booklet as long as training clarifies the problem issues about how often to feed baby, and emphasize feeding on cue instead of every 2-3 hours.

ODH will update the booklet in the future, current updates don't include the changes Libby noted, and it is not clear how changes in how often to feed the baby will be reflected.

USBC Board Elections: The OBA Board selected Stephanie Carroll and Tina Sherman as our selected candidates in addition to Amy Smolinski for treasurer. Ann is responsible for submitting OBA's ballot, and will do so with these candidates named.

Draft Policy on Signing USBC Support Letters: Ann had asked for a policy to guide USBC reps on participating on signing supporting letters for various initiatives and action items from USBC, however, this item was tabled due to lack of time.

### **Committee Task Force Reports**

Childcare (Ann): Current drafts are still in progress and work is continuing, and Ann will distribute drafts to OBA members who are not on Bre's childcare distribution list. There is a workgroup call on August 15, so no new work to report at this time.

First Steps (Jennifer): No new report

Nursing In Public (Ann): Another OD JFS site conflict, similar to Montgomery County in 2017, occurred in Franklin County, which Lori responded to, although the party was not interested in filing a complaint at this time. Ann and Stephanie also responded to an incident at the Dayton Airport of an employee not being provided breaks to pump. Ann floated the idea of sending a letter to the state director of JFS to note the training needed by staff in all counties so that these incidents cease. Lori spoke in favor of personal contact to JFS staff to get the word out. There is not yet a decision on any direction with JFS.

### **Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large: none were given this meeting.**

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Breastfest 2020 dates: March 27-28, 2020.

ABN:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on September 3, 2019.