



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for January 15, 2020, 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), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 2019 Leadership Board call were accepted with two corrections: change in attendance record to reflect Janelle McClain not present, and correction in treasurer's report to WBOC balance is \$1316.28, by consensus.

Treasurer's Report January 2019

Beginning Balances:

OBA: \$3087.05

EDBFIM Balance: -1496.37

WBOC balance: 1441.28

Paramount: 123.02

OBA Income: Dues - \$125

OBA Expense: \$4.23 (PP)

OBA Ending Balance: \$3207.82

Submitted by Lori Nester, RD, LD, IBCLC. Subject to Audit.

EDBFIM income: 5250.00 (reg.)

EDBFIM expenses: 2465.67

EDBFIM balance: 1287.96

Budget for 2020: The proposed budget submitted by Lori was accepted and approved unanimously, and is attached to this report.

Elections: Regions 4 and 6 and the LLL at-large representative are up for election this year. Nominations will be solicited by the Nominating Committee headed by the Vice Chair, and presented to the Leadership Board for consent. Ann expressed a preference for continuing to use a platform like ElectionRunner which is more secure for voting than MailChimp. Elections are to begin with nominations accepted until the end of February, a ballot submitted to the Board at the March meeting, voting taking place and concluding before the April meeting, so that the new representatives are seated at the April meeting, and nominations for the Executive Board can be made, voted on, and seated at the May meeting. Mary will draft an email for Lori to send out via MailChimp, soliciting nominations.

General Meeting: Planning for our first 2020 General Meeting was undertaken. Jennifer will call the Mothers Milk Bank to see if we might be able to use the meeting room in their building. Other meeting sites may also be scouted.

Newsletter: Lori is working on a newsletter to be sent out to members via MailChimp.

Black Breastfeeding Week 2020 Project: Lakesha's continued participation is unknown at this time, but Lori will be working to contact her and continue the project.

ODH Workplace Project: The group discussed contacting the Cribs for Kids county representatives and touching base with them as a precursor to the beginning of the project. Training has begun, but OBA has not been able to see all of the training webinars to understand what the reps' training has been. There is concern that the Cribs for Kids reps may not have adequate breastfeeding knowledge to promote breastfeeding in the workplace principles. OBA reps in the counties where the project is beginning can reach out to provide a breastfeeding resource to them.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): No new updates, as Bre is responsible for bringing the project online, so waiting for that to happen. The new website for the project is www.odh.ohio.gov/breastfeeding.

First Steps (Libby): meeting upcoming, no new report.

Nursing In Public (Ann): no new report

Display Materials: Still being developed. OBA has been offered a display table at Breastfest.

USBC information: Information on the conference is just beginning to come in. It will be held June 12-13 in Scottsdale AZ. Ann shared that constellations are open to any member's participation, and forwarded opportunities to participate with the group. The information on the conference is at <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/p/cm/ld/fid=45>. Ann will be attending the virtual USBC meeting as an OBA rep on January 23.

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large:

Region 1:

Region 2: Andrea was able to help resolve an issue with Medicaid families not being able to get breastpumps in her counties, which also expanded the supply companies from which pumps could be ordered. Andrea passed along a request from WIC for updates to the OBA website, because they would like to use it for WIC clients, as the site is not mobile friendly.

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5: Libby shared that in her region there is a grant available from the hospital Women's Auxiliary to NICU and other families to provide support to have a pump rental for up to 3 months, since there is often a delay in receiving a pump from the supplier, if they are on Medicaid.

Region 6:

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Breastfest 2020 dates: March 27-28, 2020. Registration is open.

ABN:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on February 12, 2020