



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for March 11, 2020, 12 noon

Present: Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep), presiding, Ann Davis (LLOH Rep, Secretary), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep).

Not Present: Laura Knisley (R1 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep), Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 12 2020 board call were accepted by consensus.

Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance Treasurer's Report February 2020

Beginning Balances

OBA: 2164.58; EDBFIM balance 11613.85; WBOC balance 1316.28; Paramount 123.02

OBA income: \$25.00 (dues) \$119.88 (donation)

EDBFIM income: 0

OBA expenses: \$.120.91 (pp+web)

EDBFIM expense: 0

Ending Balances

OBA:\$2188.55; EDBFIM balance: 11613.85; WBOC balance: 1316.28; Paramount: 123.02

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

Elections: Three nominations for elections were noted. Michele Catersino is nominated for Region 4 Representative, Mary Burton for Region 6 Representative, and Ann Davis for LLL Representative at large. The ballot was not available to be approved at this time. Jennifer will contact Mary for more information, and will be approved in a separate action.

Member Meeting: Jennifer has reserved a meeting room at OhioHealth for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 for a General Member Meeting, barring any problems being able to meet because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The board agreed to this as a tentative date. Jennifer will be checking on the available technology in the meeting room.

Newsletter: Lori is working on a newsletter to be sent out to members via MailChimp. She will be talking to other OBA members about working on this as a long term involvement.

Black Breastfeeding Week 2020 Project: Misty Hughes in Cleveland is interested in working on this project, as is Cissy Watkins in Columbus, and Melissa Courts in Dayton. Stephanie is the point of communication between participants and the board. She has not been able to speak to Janelle McClain. Trumbull County Coalition was also mentioned as a possible participant.

ODH Workplace Project: OBA is expecting to be able to participate in a grant-funded program with ODH, Lori is waiting on paperwork for this project, which will focus on workplace support through EveryMother as contractor for the program. We are still waiting on more information from EveryMother

about this program. ODH has also contacted OBA about participating in a messaging/social media campaign, and the OBA board discussed, revised, approved and submitted a letter supporting WIC's support of breastfeeding in response to this request from Meagan Richardson. ODH is also going to conduct focus groups in conjunction with the workplace project, which will focus on minority and underserved populations and their information needs. More information about this is anticipated. Communication from EveryMother or ODH about the workplace project is not being received.

Display Materials: Lori is preparing materials for Breastfest, including handouts about the childcare project and other projects, also Ohio coalitions. There is some question if Breastfest will be cancelled.

USBC information: The 2020 USBC NBCC has been postponed until 2021. Ann participated in a working call to help create a culture plan, a short document that will be used to outline how workplaces must shift their culture to support medical staff and trainees to meet their own breastfeeding goals as a way to bring support for breastfeeding into widespread practice and skills knowledge.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): The program is up and running, and is asking for help reviewing applications. The new website for the project is www.odh.ohio.gov/breastfeeding. Getting the word out about the program to child care providers is needed, and members are encouraged to share the one page handout at the website, and encourage providers to apply for the recognition. Jennifer will try to contact Bre about the status of the program and any help needed.

First Steps (Libby): Ban the Bags nominations are going out to hospitals.

Nursing In Public (Ann): no new report

Database: (Lori): will be spreading the word at Breastfest to get updates made to the database. Using Facebook to encourage updates was discussed.

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large:

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3: Lori is hoping to organize a networking meeting for lactation support in her region.

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6: CLC training taking place in November in Akron area.

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Breastfest 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

ABN: ABN is now managing the statewide breastfeeding hotline. Feel free to share this resource widely: 888-588-3423. They also have the ability to help via video and with ASL support. They are looking for channels to publicize the hotline widely.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on April 7, 2020