



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for May 13, 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), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 8 2020 board call were accepted by consensus, with one correction. The correction is in the Regional Reports, noted that Andrea is Region 2 Rep, not Region 3, so her report needs to be placed in R2, duly changed.

Treasurer's Report April 2020

Beginning Balances:

OBA \$2221.93

EDBFIM \$11613.85

WBOC \$1316.28

Paramount: \$123.02

OBA income: (dues) \$75.00 EDBFIM income: 0

OBA expenses: (pp) \$2.95 EDBFIM expense: 0

Ending Balances:

OBA \$ 2293.98

EDBFIM: \$11613.85

WBOC: \$1316.28

Paramount \$123.02

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

Lori was asked about the date of the 990 filing, given the shifting dates announced by the IRS, and Lori will double check when our filing is due.

Executive Committee Elections: Nominations were discussed, and a slate presented to the Leadership Board for Executive Committee positions. The slate was elected unanimously, thus the 2020 Executive Committee will be: Jennifer Foster, Chair; Mary Burton, Vice Chair; Lori Nester, Treasurer; Ann Davis Secretary.

Ann was asked about participation in the Leadership Board elections. Participation by membership in the election was 61%. The elections were structured as three separate elections, for Region 4, Region 6, and for the other 5 regions who were not electing representatives. There were 5 voters in R4, 3 voted; there were 5 voters in R6, 4 voted; there were 18 voters in the state-wide election, 8 voted.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Jennifer reiterated the need to work on this document, and asked each Executive Committee position to draft a description of their duties, to be included in the PPM. Ann will send the Google Doc link to the current PPM.

USBC: Libby reported on her attendance of a meeting of a USBC Constellation for COVID-19/Infant and Young Child Feeding response. This group is aiming to develop guidelines for best practices in IYCF, including emergency response. They have created an advisory council taking up the topic of COVID-19 actions and practices, aiming to gather information to develop policy. The US is particularly unprepared on this topic.

Communications/Newsletter: Jennifer has a draft in preparation, and will forward that for review. Ann is investigating possible companies who are willing to work on the website for us. Jennifer said that Stephanie has also worked on websites in the past, notably for OLCA and BFLRC. Lori is also still reaching out for newsletter writing help. Formats and tools for the newsletter were discussed.

Black Breastfeeding Week 2020 Project: No new information about this project at this time.

ODH Partner Projects: Workplace Project, WIC Messaging proposal, Focus group project: Lori is waiting to hear from Cathy Carothers again after submitting our feedback on the documents she shared for the toolkit. There are a couple training webinars coming up that we may want to view, to get a sense of what kind of training the county representatives are receiving. The WIC messaging proposal that Meaghan Richardson had contacted us about is not going forward. The focus group project is moving forward in partnership with Appalachian Breastfeeding Network serving as coordinator for the focus groups.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): share website (www.odh.ohio.gov/breastfeeding) and promote program. Ann had the opportunity to review two applications for Bre.

First Steps (Libby):

Nursing In Public (Ann): no new report

Database: (Lori):

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large:

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6: CLC training is cancelled because of COVID-19.

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA:

ABN:

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on June 9, 2020