



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for November 13, 2019, 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), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 2019 Leadership Board call were accepted by consensus.

Treasurer Report: OBA Beginning Balance: \$2145.16

OBA income: (dues) \$25.00

OBA expenses: \$0

OBA Ending Balance: \$2170.16

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

WBOC balance \$1441.28 (donation from regional coalition - for use at our discretion)

Paramount \$123.02 (community fund donation - use at our discretion - we used for food for workshop)

Funds connected to Eliminating Disparities in Breastfeeding and Infant Mortality Conference -- they have not conducted follow up activities yet - may be seed money for next steps - related to conference - Julie Ware is to be working on their process for processing suggestions/requests for how happens next. I will include breakdown of these funds with December report - I don't think they will utilize funds between now and the end of the year.

EDBFIM balance \$11613.85

EDBFIM income: 0

EDBFIM expense: 0

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

Black Breastfeeding Week 2020 Project: Janelle, Lakesha, and Lori are the first members of a workgroup to plan and execute a BBW2020 event in August 2020. They will lay a plan so that we can budget funds towards this effort. Janelle is seeking to put on a different kind of event than has been done in the past, so they are researching possibilities. They are seeking a creative kind of event rather than a conference type event.

ODH Workplace Project: (Lori) Still awaiting contract from EveryMother with further details on worksite grant. OBA is not yet sure of our role in this project. There are representatives selected in the targeted counties who are affiliated with the Cribs for Kids/Safe Sleep initiatives, so their knowledge of breastfeeding is not known. Funding for this project is being funneled through Cribs for Kids dollars. One

possible role OBA can play is informing businesses on how they can connect with local resources and know how they can present themselves as breastfeeding friendly to employees and public.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): There was a call in November reviewing what has been drafted so far, and some revisions were suggested. Bre continues to move the project forward to go online in the OCCRR system, and to have its own Ohio website where ECEs can find information on completing the award program.

Update 1/7/2020: The workgroup met in December, and added some changes to documents in the project. The group agreed to cease regular calls, and Bre is carrying the project forward onto State of Ohio computer systems to be in place for a January release date, which is not set yet.

First Steps (Libby): There have been 950 attendees who completed the online webinars as of September. Training webinars for Next Step are also online. ODH is working on the hotline proposal. ODH/WIC is working with Coffective to survey and link the hospitals and WIC clinics, and updating a website.

Nursing In Public (Ann): no new report

Infant Mortality Meeting: Jennifer and Libby attended this in Cleveland in November. The Infant Mortality Report Card for Ohio was shared. Mary also attended. Infant mortality efforts seem to be re-organizing and new efforts seem to be underway. Mary felt it was positive that people were involved from outside breastfeeding circles, and that she was able to make new contacts. Some OBA members shared that they are not getting information from OCPIM, those interested may want to re-register with that effort.

Display Materials: Lori asked Bre if ODH could fund copies of the federal workplace law cards, and including OBA in the distribution, and she is waiting for a response about this. Other materials are still being discussed.

WIC Information Collection:

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large:

Region 1:

Region 2: Andrea is starting up new breastfeeding support groups in her community. She is also looking for ways to assist jailed women with breastfeeding support in Van Wert and Paulding Counties, and has initiated contacts for this program.

Region 3: Lori reported that a new certification program for WIC is getting up and running, which includes better breastfeeding data captured, including initiation and duration rates. Andrea has been using it as a pilot user, and finds it very helpful, as they can document longer than a year, and also use of donor milk, etc. Lori also shared that Crawford County has a milk drop location and will be doing a milk bank drive in November 2019. Mothers Milk Bank is reporting an increase in requests from hospitals. MMB also has information clarifying concerns about contamination in donor milk.

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 January 7, 2020