



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for September 11, 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), Misha Trescott (R7 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes of the August 14 2019 board call was accepted by unanimous vote. The draft notes from the August 27 General Meeting were accepted, with one clarification, to add the ABN update, including their upcoming conference dates in October.

Treasurer Report: Lori reported a quiet month in the bank account, with one donation going out to the BOOBS (Breastfeeding Outreach for Our Beautiful Sisters) group in Cincinnati. Lori has contacted ONU about services of an intern for accounting advice and possibly an audit at lower expense.

OBA Ending balance: \$2135.75

Disparities Funding remaining: \$ 11613.85

WBOC Funding remaining: \$ 1316.28

Paramount Grant (restricted) remainder: \$123.02

MailChimp: Lori reported that she has integrated complete member records into MailChimp and will be using that for membership reminders and other communications.

Virtual Meetings: Concern about holding virtual meetings that are technically workable and more successful than the last few attempts was shared. Some members had problems using our virtual connection, which wasn't being used after the beginning of the meeting. It was agreed that the equipment setup was insufficient to have good broadcast, reception and exchange of virtual attendees, and that better equipment planning is needed to have virtual meetings that work better. Lori will be looking at possible options.

Draft Policy on Signing USBC Support Letters: The Board adopted a new policy allowing the Executive Committee to respond to sign-on requests from USBC regarding breastfeeding policy advocacy. The policy reads thus:

1. If time allows, submit the request for approval by the full Leadership Board at the next call/meeting.
2. If the timeframe is too short, the Secretary or USBC Member Representative receiving the request may ask the Executive Committee for electronic approval to respond to the sign-on request.
3. The request should be communicated to the entire Leadership Board, even though only Executive Committee approval is required.

This policy will be entered into the Policies and Procedures Manual.

BOOBS partnership possibility: The Board approved asking Lakesha Williams, who has contacts with BOOBS, to be involved in an OBA workgroup to plan events for Black Breastfeeding Week 2020. It was suggested that Cissy Watkins also be invited, as well as Mistie Hughes. They will be asked to create a state wide campaign for BBW. Stephanie is also interested in being involved with this project, and Michele Catersino may also join. They are charged to start planning an effort so that we can secure funding for a campaign.

USBC: There will be a virtual member meeting on September 26th, and Ann will be attending to represent OBA. USBC will announce the newly-elected Directors as well as a newly-appointed Executive Director at this meeting. Congratulations to Stephanie on being elected to the USBC Board of Directors.

ODH Workplace Project: Every Mother Inc. has been contracted by ODH to fulfill a grant funded by CDC SPAN grant money, to put in place a workplace support program that will reach out to employers to assist them in making their work environment breastfeeding friendly, and assisting breastfeeding families in working with employers to support breastfeeding in the workplace. Every Mother is submitting a revised timeline for the project to ODH and hopefully OBA will hear about that soon. OBA has been asked by Every Mother to assist with this, but our scope/role is unknown at this time. There is a webinar to begin train-the-trainer programs on September 25 2019, presented by ODH and Every Mother. County contacts are being asked to submit names of potential businesses to reach out to, and potential businesses that can be examples to other businesses in demonstrating breastfeeding support, to Every Mother. OBA Regional Representatives may also be able to contribute to this list, so if you are aware of businesses in your region that would be interested in or would benefit from a breastfeeding workplace support program, please send that information to Lori. Eventually this program would provide a toolkit for Ohio to use to help businesses establish lactation spaces and breastfeeding support for employees. ODH is also interested in re-establishing a workplace recognition program for businesses that provide exemplary breastfeeding support. Latha Srinivasan is a Cleveland-area expert in this, and an OBA member, and we hope she will be able to be involved in this program.

Display Needs: The group discussed what publications or other materials would be useful for OBA displays at conferences and events. Lori shared what she currently uses for displays. It was discussed to have copies of the Dept of Labor workplace law card to distribute; that can be printed locally from a DOL master. Any ideas to use for displays are welcome. Jennifer asked if anyone could man an OBA display at the ABN conference in Tennessee, and Andrea may possibly be able to do this. One suggestion was to show the database on a screen at the booth.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): No new draft changes or updates. Ann submitted suggested grammatical changes that were discussed at the General Meeting to Bre. Bre and Ann attended a session of a childcare training session put on virtually by Kansas' online training system similar to OCCRRRA, and Ann described the session as very robust and thorough. Bre is hoping to contract with Kansas to adopt this system for use in Ohio.

First Steps (Jennifer): No new report

Nursing In Public (Ann): no new report

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

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3: Lori has received reports of a number of successful Big Latch On and National Breastfeeding Month events. She is also hearing requests from fair boards for groups to provide a lactation space, but booths can be pricey if groups are reaching out to the fair boards .

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 30, 2019.