

Breastfeeding Coalition

Mission Statement

The Healthy Kent 2020 Breastfeeding Coalition exists to improve the health and well being of infants and families through education, outreach and advocacy to promote and support breastfeeding and the use of human milk.

Minutes of Meeting: May 23, 2016

Attendees:

Marji Cyrul (MI DHHS), **Tony Jolliffi** (Strong Beginnings), **William Burress** (Strong Beginnings), **Bonita Agee** (Strong Beginnings), **Christine Stancle** (Mentor Coordinator – MHMBP), **Barb Hawkins-Palmer** (Healthy Kent), **Sara Johnstin** (ELNC), **Abby (Hess) Bishop** (WIC), **Kelli Damstra** (GVSU), **Annie Jones** (Metro Hospital)

Information and Sharing

- I. Introductions: completed
- II. Minutes of last meeting: Motion: Bonita Agee, Second: Lauren Valentine
- III. MOMS helping MOMS Breastfeed Peer Mentor Program
 - a. Still looking for mentees. Program is off to a decent start – greater turnout was hoped for. Will start to connect with the community to better work with the program.
- IV. St. Mary's Staff Event: Breastfeeding Equity in the African American Community
 - a. June 28 at St. Mary's. Content of this staff training will be from the May Breakfast Break for Breastfeeding which focused on breastfeeding from an African American perspective. The event will be 8:30am-12pm. Metro Health Hospital is looking to have the same education brought to their staff in the near future.
- V. Visit from Marji Cyrul
 - a. Marji is from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She is in a new position whose purpose is to unite Breastfeeding Coalitions throughout the state and be a liaison for breastfeeding between the State and local levels. She has great passion and much to offer. Glad to have you, Marji! Hope to see her again soon.
 - b. State grants are coming soon to help hospitals go Baby Friendly. It's reported that 4 \$10,000 grants will be available.
- VI. Breakfast Break for Breastfeeding
 - a. Thursday, May 26 from 8:30am-12pm at KCHD. "Breastfeeding from an African American Perspective."
 - b. Next Breakfast Break planned for first Thursday in October. Topic still TBD.
- VII. Committee Updates
 - a. Events
 1. GR Festival of the Arts June 3-5 – WMALC hosts an Infant Care Center at the City/County Complex. HKBC usually has a booth set up with

information and to provide a place of respite for breastfeeding moms. Need volunteers to check on the booth and stock it during the day. **Barb Hawkins-Palmer** will put together a volunteer request description & sign up times to send out to the coalition.

2. **Yes We Do!** – Luncheon during Black Breastfeeding Week in August.
3. **WGVU Kids Day at the Zoo** – August 5. HKBC will have a booth, as usual, to support BF and provide our coalition t-shirts for a donation. Volunteers will be needed. More to come...

VIII. **Member Sharing**

1. **Abby (Hess) Bishop** addressed the hospital blue sheets that collect data through WIC appointments. The forms are being revised and she will circle back to re-evaluate how they can best be utilized in the hospital and from a data collection standpoint. Stay tuned...

VIII) Adjourned at 1:00pm

Next Meeting: **June 27, 11:30am-1pm**

Minutes recorded by: **Annie Jones, HKBC secretary**