

# 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: June 27, 2016

### Attendees:

**Jenny Callaghan** (Spectrum Health), **Amy Loftus Tuitel** (PH Care Manager), **Sara Johnstin** (ELNC), **Lauren Valentine**, **Annie Jones** (Metro Health Hospital), **Pat Tucker** (KCHD), **William Burress** (Strong Beginnings), **Barb Hawkins Palmer** (Healthy Kent), **Bonita Agee** (Strong Beginnings), **Christine Stancel**

### Information and Sharing

- I. **Introductions:** completed
- II. **Minutes of last meeting:** Motion: Bonita Agee, Second: Lauren Valentine
- III. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. **Fourth of July Parade**
    - i. East Grand Rapids; check Facebook page for more info. 11am lineup, parade starts at noon
  - b. **Zoo Days**
    - i. Aug 5 8a-4p
    - ii. 2 tents set up: one for t-shirt distribution with donations & one for Rock and Rest. There will be water available, coloring pages, and shade.  
**\*\*NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE TABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CAN SIGN UP FOR TIME BLOCKS. Contact Lauren Valentine at [lauren.valentine7@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.valentine7@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping.**
  - c. **Big Latch On**
    - i. Aug 6
    - ii. Location TBD, but check this website for updates:  
[http://biglatchon.org/apps/location-detail/?location\\_id=495](http://biglatchon.org/apps/location-detail/?location_id=495)
- IV. **Yes We Do Luncheon**
  - a. Aug 22 11:30a-1:30p
  - b. Topic TBD
- V. **Breakfast Break for Breastfeeding**
  - a. Thursday, Oct 6
  - b. Topic under consideration: Coffective

## **VI. Member sharing**

### **a. Metro Health Hospital**

- i. Low numbers (sometimes no attendance) & difficulty with facilitator commitment at Rockford Breastfeeding Support Group. Will remove support group for now, perhaps relaunch at a future date. May look at the possibility of partnering with WIC clinic on 14 mile.

### **b. MOMS helping MOMS Breastfeed**

- i. Program is ending due to funding – hoping to recruit new funding from NAACHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) or other avenues
- ii. Great results! 5 mentors with 12 mentees. 88 encounters in May (discussion & help). Found positive impact in every mentees breastfeeding journey.

### **c. HUGS Breastfeeding Support Group**

- i. In need of baby scale. Donation welcome.

**VIII) Adjourned at 1:00pm**

**Next Meeting: July 25, 2016 at 11:30am**

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