

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: July 25, 2016

Attendees:

Lauren Valentine, Jennifer McNellis (Evenflo Feeding), **Matt Boeve** (Metro Health Resident PGY-1), **Annie Jones** (Metro Health), **Pam Kelly** (CareLinc), **Anita Hamilton** (CareLinc), **Jessica Stoutjesdyk** (CareLinc), **Megan Pepper** (KCHD), **Barb Hawkins Palmer** (Healthy Kent), **Kyla Colombel**, **Bonita Agee** (Strong Beginnings), **Abby Bishop** (WIC), **Asia Chidzikwe** (WIC), **Jennifer Gudith** (WIC Peer Counselor)

Information and Sharing

- I. Introductions: completed
- II. Minutes of last meeting: Motion: Bonita Agee, Second: Lauren Valentine
- III. Upcoming Events:
 - a. **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 if you're interested in helping.**
Will have cards & brochures for HKBF Coalition
 - b. **Big Latch On**
 - i. Come and join us at this global celebration to promote and support breastfeeding, gather with other women and families to breastfeed and create a lasting support network in your community.
 - ii. Aug 6 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - iii. *Briggs Park*, 350 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids
 - iv. *More details:* http://biglatchon.org/apps/location-detail/?location_id=495
- IV. Yes We Do Luncheon
 - a. Aug 22 11:30a-1:30p
 - b. Topic Initiation to Duration
- V. CareLinc/Evenflo Breastfeeding Pump
 - a. Evenflo is a new company under Kimberly-Clark
 - b. Evenflo came to present on their new double electric pump. Showcased features are:
 - i. PerfectlyPure closed system

- ii. AdvancedFit 3 sized flange system that comes standard with pump
- iii. Integrated bottle holders
- iv. Battery option to run pump
- v. AdvancedControl allows eight vacuum levels and four cycle rates
- c. CareLinc is providing these and has been trained in teaching customers how to use the pump
- d. This pump is covered by insurance
- e. Nurses and LCs were consulted in the creation of this pump

VI. Member sharing

a. Healthy Kent Infant Safe Sleep Coalition – **Baby Buggy Walk**

- i. The Baby Buggy Walk is an event held across the country on the second Saturday in September to raise awareness about the steps we can take to reduce the rate of infant deaths. September is also Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month. In Kent County from 2010-2014, there were 37 infants who died in their first year of life due to unsafe sleeping such as sharing a bed with adults, and/or being put to sleep on their stomachs. These deaths can be prevented by practicing the ABCs of infant safe sleep: Alone, on their Back, in a empty Crib or bassinet.

The event in Kent County will include a 1 mile walk around Garfield Park, informational booths of community agencies serving children and families, carnival games and healthy snacks! Everyone is invited to participate!

- ii. Saturday, September 10, 2016 11a-1p
- iii. Garfield Park - 389 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
- iv. HKBF Coalition looking to have Rock & Rest tent there

VIII) Adjourned at 1:00pm

Next Meeting: August 22, 2016 at 11:30am

Minutes recorded by: Annie Jones, HKBC secretary