

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 26, 2017

Attendees:

Annie Jones (Metro Health Hospital), **Jamie Platt** (Healthy Kent/GVSU), **Bonita Agee** (Strong Beginnings), **Eunice Benavidez** (Family Futures), **Barb Hawkins Palmer** (Healthy Kent), **Pat Tucker** (KCHD), **Asia Chidzikew** (WIC)

Current Chair: Barb Hawkins Palmer

Information and Sharing

I. **Introductions:** completed

II. **Minutes of last meeting:**

III. **Committee Updates**

Breakfast Break Debrief – 70 people attended, went very well. Marji Cyrul was the presenter and discussed breastfeeding and safe sleep.

Moms Helping Moms Breastfeed – going well; full program

Family Resources in Kent County revision – working on it

IV. **Breastfeeding Awareness Month Activities**

WGVU Zoo Day

1. **Asia Chidzikew** –

a. Connect with Steve Kelso for Zoo Day contact.

b. Look into getting the breastfeeding fans & other giveaways.

c. Button maker – work with **Bonita Agee**

d. Selfie booth with frame “#kentcountybreastfeeds”

2. **Jamie Platt** - contact WGVU to confirm our Rock & Rest location; *bring crayons*

3. **Pat Tucker** – connect with maintenance for canopies, water coolers, tables and chairs; connect with MIBFN for possible giveaways

4. **Barb Hawkins Palmer** – HKBC display & coloring pages

Big Latch On

Asia Chidzikew – Contact Park Church & GR city re: Big Latch On location. Discussed using Park Church or possibly big blue bridge

V. 2018 Breakfast Break for Breastfeeding

June 7 & Nov 1 2018

Topic options –

- a. Breastfeeding & PPD (Postpartum Depression)
- b. Global breastfeeding (cultural panel)
- c. Breastfeeding and the Latinx community (cultural panel)
- d. Extended breastfeeding – beyond a year

VI. Art Prize 2017

- a. Look into venue for Rock & Rest
- b. **Annie Jones** to contact Miriel Smith regarding nursing station that she had made for 2016 Art Prize

VII. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

**Next Meeting: July 24, 2017 11:30am-1pm.
Kent County Health Department, Lower Level**

Minutes recorded by: Annie Jones, HKBC secretary