



## Healthy Kent 2020 Infant Health Implementation Team

# 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: September 25, 2017

#### Attendees:

**Katie McNabney** (Spectrum Health), **Daniel Maring** (Resident Metro Health), **Asia Chidzikew** (WIC), **Kelsey Stricklen** (Nutrition in the Mitten LLC), **Pat Tucker** (KCHD), **Annie Jones** (Metro), **Shira Johnson** (IBCLC, private practice), **Amy Rigg** (RN, IBCLC), **Becky Haderer** (CLC), **Ebony Lucas** (Healthy Families/Arbor Circle), **Christine Stangle** (HUGS, Moms Helping Moms BF)

**Current Chair:** Barb Hawkins Palmer

#### Information and Sharing

- I. **Introductions:** completed
- II. **Minutes of last meeting:**
- III. **\*\*Officers for 2018 URGENT NEED!\*\***  
Vacant positions:
  1. Chair
  2. Chair elect
  3. Events chair
  4. Treasurer
  - b. See ***position descriptions*** on **page 3** of these minutes
  - c. See ***nomination biography form*** on **page 5** of these minutes
- IV. **ArtPrize BF Location**  
Rock & Rest @ Fountain Street Church
- V. **Updates**
  - a. Yes We Do Luncheon – Billboards
    - a. Luncheon went well. Billboards were up all over town to celebrate Black Breastfeeding Week and Yes We Do.
  - b. Moms Helping Moms Breastfeed program
    - a. Funding is running out again. Seeking funding for coordinator & to continue the program through incentives. Meijer gift cards are used most.
    - b. Currently 7 mentors with 3 waiting, 36 mentees
      1. Many great stories of wonderful results
  - c. **Christine & Barb** will approach Meijer seeking funding. **Kelsey** has a contact at Meijer that she will give Christine.

## **VI. Partner sharing**

1. October 5 – 8a-2:30p @ Health Department (lunch included): Sexual Health Equity – Reproductive Life Planning with Merry-K Moos from Chapel Hill, NC. FREE; Nursing CEUs.
2. Discussed concern of Depo being given in hospital to many Medicaid or Clinic patients prior to 6 week recommendation & affecting milk supply. Further discussion warranted regarding this issue, including addressing providers & postpartum nurses.
3. Mothership Certified Training Workshop with Martelle Esposito.
  - a. Next training is November 3:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/271856016661424/>

## **VII. Coalition's Future**

- a. Agenda item for next meeting: refocusing on purpose & initiatives to adopt as a coalition
- b. Recruiting membership
- c. Ways to raise funds that can be used to help local causes, such as Moms Helping Moms BF.
- d. Filling board positions more readily

## **VIII. Adjourned at 1:05 pm**

**Next Meeting: October 23, 11:30am-1pm.  
Kent County Health Department, Lower Level**

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

**Healthy Kent Breastfeeding Coalition**  
**Steering Committee Members and Responsibilities**  
Updated 11.21.2016

**Chair for Operations**

**One year term, 3 year commitment (Chair-Elect, then Chair, then Immediate Past Chair)**

1. Supervise and control all business and affairs of the Coalition
2. Plan the agenda for meetings
3. Maintain a Coalition notebook
4. Be a liaison to the standing committees
5. When present, preside at all meetings

**Immediate Past Chair for Operations**

**One year term**

1. Advise the Chair for Operations on Coalition business and affairs
2. Preside over meetings when current Chair and Chair-elect are unable to attend

**Chair-Elect for Operations**

**One year term but 3 year commitment (Chair-Elect, then Chair, then Immediate Past Chair)**

1. Schedule Coalition meetings and notify members and preside over meetings if current Chair for Operations is unable to attend
2. Assist the Chair for Operations in fulfilling the obligations of office by performing such duties as requested by the Chair.

**Secretary**

**One year term**

1. Keep accurate minutes and take attendance at all meetings
2. Be custodian of the minutes and any relevant documents presented at the meetings
3. Is responsible for distribution of minutes to members
4. Shall keep an accurate membership list

**Treasurer**

**One year term**

1. Handle all funds received from grants or donations
2. Keep accurate financial records
3. Make a financial report at each Coalition meeting
4. Maintain reconciliation of accounts with our fiduciary Metro Health Hospital Foundation

**Liaison with Health Care Community – Appointed by the Steering Committee**

1. Be a representative from the health care profession
2. Create linkages with the medical community and provide information amongst those networks

**Representative to Michigan Breastfeeding Network (BFN) – Appointed by the Steering Committee**

1. Report to the Steering Committee in a timely fashion any State legislative initiatives and how the Coalition can best support these
2. Report activities of the BFN to the Steering Committee as they relate to local Coalition initiatives

**Standing Committees Responsibilities**

**A. Advocacy/Media**

- a. Goal: Maximize the number and reach of positive breastfeeding messages in alignment with Coalition strategic plan in local media
- b. Maintain the Coalition website, Facebook page and blog with a minimum of one posting per week of messages in alignment with Coalition strategic plan
- c. Publicize local breastfeeding events and report on state, national and international breastfeeding initiatives in alignment with Coalition strategic plan
- d. Build government support for breastfeeding families

**B. Education**

- a. Promote evidence-based breastfeeding recommendations throughout the community
- b. Select goals as prioritized in strategic plan with cultural appropriate messages directed to target audiences
- c. Assure breastfeeding support groups are available in the community

**C. Events**

- a. Provide opportunities for networking, collaboration and resource sharing among breastfeeding advocates in Kent County
- b. Take lead on planning community-wide events including World Breastfeeding Week/Month activities

**D. Sustainability**

- a. Identify and pursue funding sources for Coalition projects/initiatives
- b. Recruit and orient new members to the Coalition



# **Healthy Kent 2020 Breastfeeding Coalition Steering Committee Nomination Biography Form**

Name & Contact information:

Current work/volunteer positions held:

What are your responsibilities in that position?

Education:

Certifications/Memberships:

Organization affiliations:

Interests:

Describe your vision of a breastfeeding-friendly community: