

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2020

Members Present:

Pam Anzicek- University of Flint-Michigan
Anita Barksdale-Stork's Nest
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Ecole Brooks-Oakland Community Health Network
Joseph Castine-Easter Seals
Amy Desrocher-Easter Seals
Teri Dorta-Oakland Family Services
Sasha Gapczynski-OCHD
Shannon Gorond-Oakland Family Services
Niya Haggard-OCHD
Lisa Hahn-OCHD
Catherine Johnson-Oakland Family Services
Ana Juncaj-Care House of Oakland County
Amanda Kischuk-OCHD
Flavia Maccio-Great Start Parent Coalition
Michele Maloff- OCHD
Mary McClain-OCHD
Shannon McNair-Oakland University /Pontiac Initiative
Veronica Pechumer-Oakland Schools
Gina Ratcliff-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Linda Ruggirello-Oakland Family Services
Julie Tillman-Oakland Family Services
Dara Tomlin-Oakland EHS OLHSA
Jessica Trotter-Great Start Coalition
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
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Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn

Lisa greeted the group and discussed the new training on tobacco cessation. WIC and other home visiting groups are providing clients with a co2 monitors to show the results after some has quit smoking. In addition, Lisa mentioned the GSC and OCHD are working on a survey partnership for the EVHO collaboration. She also discussed that the LLG Committee recently had a site visit. They are also

discussing a new CQI project where they develop a presentation discussing each of the other programs along with their goals, eligibility requirements, etc.

Lisa also encouraged the group that if anyone would like to present at future meetings to let her know.

Partner Updates-

Great Start Parent Coalition

Jessica Trotter informed the group of a program coming out about screen time and children. Please look for the flyer to be emailed out. Flavia Maccio also spoke about the upcoming Parent Connection meetings happening in Walled Lake, Hazel Park, Southfield and Oxford. The meeting does include dinner and children for children 12 years old and younger. They are always looking for parents to get involved.

Oakland Family Services

Terry Dorta reported that there are still opening for the “Fussy Baby” program. This program services children 0-4 years old.

Oakland University-Pontiac Initiative

Shannon shared information about the documentary on ‘Trauma in High School’ and resilience training. They are planning for it to be on PBS, but the date has yet to be determined.

Oakland County Health Division

Kate Barlow reported that her group is working with the State to become the first Health Department in Michigan that is breastfeeding friendly.

Michele Maloff reported how the current CQI project on “Intimate Partner Violence” will be ending in March and due to the team research, they have adopted some new testing tools. The NFP team is now working on their current COIIN project “Joy in the workplace.” Lastly, 4 members of the team attending a meeting in Lansing to celebrate 20 years of success that Nurse-Family Partnership has been in Michigan.

Health Equity-Lindsay TerHaar & Sophia Simbeni

Lindsay and Sophia provided a very powerful presentation on the disparities of the county and what they are doing to help. Currently, they are looking at doing community assessments with other agencies. They explained how sometimes you can have the best situation with bad luck and compounding issues just work against those in need.

The also had the group play a game to give a visual of social determinants. It was a learning experience incorporating fun.

Best Start for Babies Collaboration Feedback

The team coordinators placed various statements around the room and asked the members to place notes on how they feel the statement relates to what they hope to gain from the meeting. The entire list of questions will be sent to the group via email.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322.
This will be the meeting room for 2020.