

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES January 27, 2022

Members Present:

Andrea Agboka-OCHD
Sue Allen-Oakland County Childcare Council
Pam Anzicek-Professional Breastfeeding Support LLC
Kate Barlow- OCHD
Kellie Bouren-Beaumont Royal Oak
Michele Carter-St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Stephanie Corey- Oakland University
Kristen Crosty-OCHD
Samantha DeMont-OCHD
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Susan Gough-United Healthcare Community Plan
Calandra Green-OCHD
Kathy Gustafson-Honor Community Health
Lisa Hahn-OCHDnt
Sheila Hare-OCHD
Dawn Hatchew-Oakland University
Khalia Hill-OCHD
Lauren Jakosalem-Nursing Student
Javon Jamison-Meridian Health Plan
Michele Maloff- OCHD
Cynthia Manardo-Ascension SEM Community Health-Infant Mortality Program
Mary McClain-OCHD
Shannon McNair-Oakland University/ Pontiac Initiative
Kristina Ottenweiss-OCHD
Erica Owens-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Amanda Richardson-OCHD
Avonlea Rickerson-BMBFA
Anne Ronk-OCHD
David Roth-OCHD
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Julie Traicoff-OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Virginia Uhley-Oakland University School of Medicine
Angela Varela-OCHD
Joann Wrobel-OCHD

Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn

Lisa welcomed members new and old.

Updates:

Mary McClain- OCHD

Mary announced that there will be a virtual baby health fair on February 16th. The flyer to attend will be sent out after this meeting.

Joanne Wrobel- OCHD

Joanne announced that there will be a virtual cooking class on March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. The focus will be cooking for the first year and healthy meals for your family.

Pam Anzicek- Professional Breastfeeding Support LLC

Pam announced her new role with her company and stated that she would be providing services at Nature’s Play House. She also spoke about a powerful book that she would like to discuss during the March meeting.

Avonlea Rickerson- BMBFA

Avonlea announced the upcoming Doula training. On February 21st there will be a stakeholders meeting. Their team is looking to create community partnerships if anyone may be interested. In March, there will be a meeting for those interested in becoming a community-based doula.

Michele Carter- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Michele said that she will be posting some additional information about the upcoming baby fair.

Shannon McNair- Oakland University/Pontiac Initiative

Shannon announced the upcoming Trauma & Resilience session that will be held at the Pontiac public library on February 16th.

Kate Barlow-OCHD

Kate let the group know that they have calendars available if anyone would like some. Some of our own clients are featured in the calendar and it’s geared toward raising awareness for Safe Sleep and Breastfeeding.

Michele Maloff-OCHD-Nurse-Family Partnership

Michele reported that NFP continues to do in person home visiting along with the telehealth visits. The team is still working tirelessly to involve clients in creative virtual

activities. The next event will be on February 14th for a virtual Valentine's Day party. Those that request to attend will receive an activity in the mail prior to the event and then be able to complete the project during the party with the other clients.

The ARP funds have not yet been distributed. However, the team is working on a new CQI project on the Social Determinants of Health. This will help assess the needs of our clients to spend the funds efficiently.

Calandra Green-OCHD-Infant Vitality Grant

Calandra announced that \$25,000 will be awarded in May for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The funds will be used to conduct strength assessments. She stated that the programs that were successful in 2019 will be evaluated to see how they can be successful now and what we can improve upon. Then they will be conducting focus groups and surveys to assist in the process. Calandra asked that the group members review their own programs to evaluate some strengths and share how some of our goals were measured and achieved. She would like to discuss these at the next meeting.

Dave Roth-OCHD-FIMR Updates

Dave discussed the meaning of FIMR and how their goal is to decrease infant mortality. Any recommendations from the group members would be greatly appreciated.

Lisa Hahn-OCHD-Infant Mortality Data & Needs Assessment

Lisa presented on how MDHHS encompasses Mother/Infant Health and Equity. She explained that the strategic plan has 6 categories to help with preventable deaths and disparities. She also discussed metrics for goals the rates between 2013-2019. She reported that there are 2.3 African American per 1 White American infant deaths and the main cause is prematurity. Lisa also reviewed the death rates with co-sleeping and impaired caregivers. She discussed some of the nursing activities and education. Some of the programs offered by the county are; Community Nursing Home Visiting, Nurse-Family Partnership, Nutrition/WIC, Children's Special Health Care Services, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR), Nurturing Parent Program and Lead. Please let Lisa know if you would like handouts to give to your clients.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2022, 9:00 am, Via Blue Jeans.