

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

Members Present:

Kate Barlow-OCHD
Ecole Brooks – OCCMHA
Kristin Crosty- OCHD
Genessa Dolittle – OCHD
Tamara Gordon – OCHD
Kathy Gustafson-OIHN
Michele Maloff- OCHD
Sue Martinez-OCHD
Marybeth Reader- OCHD
Kate Rettler – OCHD
Linda Ruggirello – Oakland Family Services
Amanda Richardson-OCHD
Katie Smedley- OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Angela Varela-OCHD
Frankie Bonner-OCHD
Terry Chase-OCHD
Dionne Moore-Smith-OCHD
David Roth-OCHD
Olivia Nash-Easter Seals
Courtney Heidrich-Meridian Health Plan
Charlotte Young-Oakland Family Services
Theresa Weit-OLHSA WIC
Kathy Gurtau-OIHN
Jackie Ferriby-Oakland Schools

Welcomes and Introductions – Michele Maloff

Michele welcomed members new and old.

No New Updates from the Partners

Michele Maloff–NFP Update

Michele spoke about the group continuing to work on their CQI project with breastfeeding and working with positioning to increase the longevity of breastfeeding. The team is also working on postpartum visits and family planning. NFP will be presenting their CQI project at the Home Visiting Conference in August.

NFP held a very successful lunch and learn at the Animal Adoption Center that included some very informative speakers. Over 50 different organizations were represented at the event. Another one will be planned in the future.

Joe Castine has been hired by the Health Division as an Infant Mental Health Consultant. He will be meeting with NFP twice per month to work on case conferences. He will also be assisting with mental health signs, symptoms and resources along with secondary trauma.

WIC Update-Dionne Moore-Smith

WIC now has a mobile application, which can be downloaded. This enables the client to see their available resources and eligibility. They also hired two new peer counselors, one of which is Spanish speaking. Project Fresh will soon be available again. This provides clients with a coupon booklet for the Farmers Market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. WIC is also working on developing a support group, but the days and times have yet to be determined. Breastfeeding classes are now available in Spanish. On August 24th, from 9a.m-11a.m. WIC will be hosting a Breastfeeding event geared towards creating breastfeeding friendly environments. We are looking for sponsors for this event. Lastly, the State will be making a visit towards the end of June and the annual conference will be held in May in Traverse City.

Prenatal Nutrition- Terry Chase

Terry provided a very informative presentation on prenatal nutrition and how it affects pregnancy. She, along with her staff of 5 nutritionists visit children in the County up to 18 years of age and assist with proper nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322. This will be the meeting room for 2018.