

Best Start For Babies OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTE March 21, 2019

Members Present:

Kate Barlow-OCHD
Frankie Bonner-OCHD
Ecole Brooks-OC Community Mental Health Authority
Joseph Castine-Easter Seals
Deborah Dixson-St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital
Marie Gadjev-OCHD
Sasha Gapczynski-OCHD
Carly Glunt-OCHD
Shannon Gordon- Oakland Family Services
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Kim Grefka- Oakland Family Services
Kathy Gustafson-Honor Health
Niya Haggard-OCHD
Courtney Heidrich-Meridian Health Plan
Yvette Jones-
Buck Kopietz- D 4 Detroit
Michele Maloff- OCHD
Shannon McNair-Oakland University
Billie Ragland-Care House of Oakland County
Gina Ratcliff-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Linda Ruggirello-Oakland Family Services
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Meg Stanley-Care House
Julie Traicoff- OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Jessica Trotter- Great Start Coalition
Bria Tucker-OCHD
Virginia Uhley-Oakland University School of Medicine
Angela Varela-OCHD

Welcomes and Introductions – Michele Maloff

Michele welcomed members new and old.

New Updates from the Partners

Michele Maloff-OCHD NFP

Michele reported that the NFP team is continuing to work on their CQI projects; Intimate Partner Violence and Access to Care. On April 18th, they have a roundtable with Haven to discuss the

process of connecting with clients during calls. For the Access to Care project, the team is connecting with local pediatrician offices. They are sending welcome letters and letters connecting their patients with the NFP clients to let them know they are part of the NFP program.

Deborah Dixon-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

Deborah announced that she will be retiring! We wish her all the best and thank you for all of her efforts with the BSB team! Deborah also informed the group that the workshop on April 4th is full, but if another session opens, she will let the group know.

Buck Kopietz- D 4 Detroit

Buck reported that he is working and researching on vitamin D and how it effects pregnant women.

Jessica Trotter – Great Start Coalition

Jessica handed out some information on the LENA Start program that works with brain development and parent relationships. Professional training programs will begin in April.

Kate Barlow – OCHD (Breastfeeding Friendly Group)

Kate informed the group that they are working on a CQI project educating Moms on the benefits of breastfeeding and hoping to promote the initiation of breastfeeding after the baby is born.

Shannon McNair – Oakland University-Pontiac Initiative

Shannon reported that they are working on mental health resources for parents. They have ordered 400 children’s book to hand out to children in the area.

Billie Ragland- CARE House of Oakland County

Billie provided a presentation of child abuse and types of abuse. They provide services to children who have been abused and their families. April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month and they will be placing pinwheels in different locations in support of this.

Karen Sefelt- Bereavement Service in Oakland County

Karen reported on the recent data of unsafe sleep deaths in the County. She also provided information on services in the County to assist with the grieving process.

Mary McClain – Child Passenger Safety

Mary provided some recent statistics of car crashes involving children and of those, 35% were not buckled up. The County has a car seat program available to prevent such injuries.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322. This will be the meeting room for 2019.