

# Best Start For Babies

## OAKLAND COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES May 23, 2019

#### Members Present:

Ecole Brooks-OC Community Mental Health Authority  
Terry Chase - OCHD  
Kristin Crosty - OCHD  
Samantha DeMont - OCHD  
Dr. Russell Faust - OCHD  
Shannon Gordon- Oakland Family Services  
Tamara Gordon - OCHD  
Niya Haggard - OCHD  
Lisa Hahn - OCHD  
Courtney Heidrich – Meridian Health Plan  
Ana Juncaj – Care House of Oakland County  
Michele Maloff- OCHD  
Sue Martinez - OCHD  
Mary McClain – OCHD  
Miriana Milo – Care House of Oakland County  
Jen O'Brien – Care House of Oakland County  
Veronica Pechumer – Oakland Schools  
Gina Ratcliff - OCHD  
Linda Ruggirello - Oakland Family Services  
Jackie Semivah - OLHSA Head Start  
Caryn Sheffield - Ascension Health  
Katie Smedley - OCHD  
Kathy Socia - OCHD  
Jessica Trotter- Great Start Coalition  
Weit, Theresa – OLHSA Head Start

#### Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn

Lisa welcomed members new and old.

#### New Updates from the Partners

##### Michele Maloff-OCHD NFP

Michele reported Access to Care Project with the State is increasing well child care. They have reached out to local pediatrician offices to let them know if one of their patients are followed by NFP we will be the “eyes” in the home. The second cycle they will do a follow-up contact and a visit to them.

Michele also shared through COIIN national collaboration teams were put together to work on one of two topics - NFP chose Intimate Partner Domestic Violence. HAVEN provided NFP nurses an intensive training. Tools for working with NFP and Community Nursing clients were given to ask, "What does a healthy relationship look like"?

**Veronica Pechumer – Oakland Schools Early Childhood Educator**

They will be doing a literacy event on the evening of June 28<sup>th</sup> @ Waterford Oaks Park. It is free to parents and flyers will be sent at a later date.

**Child Abuse – Head and Neck Injuries**

**Speaker – Dr. Russell Faust, OCHD Medical Director**

Dr. Faust has been in academic medicine for 30 years. He usually presents to physicians (pediatricians) so some of the slides shown were more graphic than normally seen. There are over 1 million cases of child abuse and neglect per year in the U.S. 75% to the face, head and neck. One-half are seen by physicians with only 11% being reported.

He showed examples of this type of abuse and indicated many of the cases involve special needs children. Special needs children are at twice the risk for abuse. He also gave examples of "red herrings" or misleading signs such as hemangiomas, tumors, ITP (sometimes from medications), Fifth Disease and Mongolian spots.

Most importantly, **if you suspect, report!** MDHHS will take reports online. Care House does train for mandatory reporting. If you have a feeling of something not quite right, report. Does the story match the injury? Protection of the children is a #1 priority.

**FIMR Update/Period of Purple Crying -**

**Speaker - Samantha DeMont, RN, OCHD**

Infant Safe Sleep – printed handouts given to attendees giving statistics and questions to ask. Substance abuse was a huge factor in the mortality of babies. Safe sleep should focus on the 1<sup>st</sup> year of age but should be up to age 2.

**Period of Purple Crying -**

Also known as colic. Samantha circulated a brochure from the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome. There is also a link to download an app. Pre and post birth tests were given to moms and found after the baby was born, they scored higher on the test. They had a much better understanding of the concept of letting the baby cry and avoiding shaken baby.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 18th, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322. This will be the meeting room for 2019.