

# Best Start For Babies OAKLAND COUNTY

## MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2020

### **Members Present:**

Andrea Agboka-OCHD  
Kate Barlow-OCHD  
Ecole Brooks-Oakland Community Health Network  
Michelle Carter-St. Joseph Mercy Oakland  
Samantha DeMont-OCHD  
Amy DesRocher-Easter Seals  
Terri Dorta-Oakland Family Services  
Marie Gadjev-OCHD  
Tamara Gordon-OCHD  
Niya Haggard-OCHD  
Lisa Hahn-OCHD  
Khalia Hill-OCHD  
Amanda Kischuk-OCHD  
Flavia Maccio-Great Start Parent Coalition  
Michele Maloff-OCHD  
Sue Martinez-OCHD  
Mary McClain-OCHD  
Erika Posey-Easter Seals  
Gina Ratcliff-OCHD  
Marybeth Reader-OCHD  
Averett Robey-Haven  
David Roth-OCHD  
Linda Ruggirello-Oakland Family Services  
Katie Smedley-OCHD  
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD  
Jessica Trotter-Great Start Coalition  
Virgina Uhley-Oakland University School of Medicine  
Angela Varela-OCHD

### **Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn**

Lisa greeted the group and provided an update on Covid. Due to the holiday weekend the exposed cases quadrupled in size and it is appearing to be found in the younger population. Due to the executive order, masks must be worn in businesses. If you find that businesses are not following the order, please visit the OLHSA website for further

direction. Lastly, information will be forwarded to everyone on what home visiting will look like when things begin to re- open.

## **Partner Updates-**

**Great Start Parent Coalition-** Jessica announced a summer promotion that involves family fun and engagement by playing Bingo. A link will follow on the chat and the event will be shared on Facebook.

Jessica also discussed the home visiting needs assessment. Focus groups will receive a \$75 stipend. This focus group will be the basis for future funding, so it is of high importance. Please send Jessica any contact information that you may have for any parents wanting to participate. They are looking for 3-5 parents from each program. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, they are assessing community risk and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, community readiness. Jessica also added that July 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Facebook live session with Nurse-Family Partnership and on July 27<sup>th</sup> with Early Head Start.

Favia also announced that there will be Community Conversations every Thursday via zoom from 1-2:30 p.m. She also discussed Facebook live sessions with parents that are looking for other connections.

**Oakland County Lead Protection-** Andrea announced she is looking for parents to participate in a discussion about children in the head start program and ask them what they know about lead.

**Oakland County Breastfeeding Friendly Group-**Kate announced that August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month and they will have gift boxes for breastfeeding moms in the community. They will be available for the nurses to distribute. In addition, they will have some at the front counter of the Health Division to give to nursing Moms. You do not need to be a client to receive one. Amanda also added that they will be working on a story collection from local Moms and sharing those live on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Nurse-Family Partnership-** Michele discussed how the nurses are staying in contact with their clients via zoom and telehealth. It has been challenging, but successful and the clients are very receptive to the new way of operating.

## **FIMR Update**

Dave discussed that there was sadly another infant death due to the child sleeping in a bouncing swing.

The team will be distributing posts at least 3 times about traveling and safe sleep. This will need to be done especially during the holidays. He also spoke about Interconception Care Assistance, which Nicole Brown is assisting with writing. Another topic of interest are the rules of midwifery and assisting OBGYN's to document substance abuse.

### **HAVEN-Averett Robey**

Averett provided a very informative presentation on Haven, the services provided and information on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV).

Haven has been around for 45 years. It has a 24-hour crisis hotline and an online chat line. They provide residential shelter for those in immediate danger and that includes their children and pets.

He also spoke on the effects for IPV in pregnant women.

Averett will be sharing a folder that contains all the available resources.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 9:00 am on BlueJeans