

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2020

Members Present:

Andrea Agboka-OCHD
Sue Allen-Oakland County Child Care Council
Kate Barlow-OCHD
Nadia Bataresh-OCHD
Stephanie Bauer-Ascension Health
Ecole Brooks-Oakland Community Health Network
Terri Dorta-Oakland Family Services
Sheila Hare-OCHD
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Lisa Hahn-OCHD
Jovan Jamison-Meridian
Amanda Kischuk-OCHD
Flavia Maccio-Great Start Parent Coalition
Michele Maloff-OCHD
Erika Posey-Easter seals
Sue Martinez-OCHD
Mary McClain-OCHD
Erika Posey-Easter Seals
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Amanda Richardson-OCHD
Averett Robey-Haven
Anne Ronk-Oakland County resident
David Roth-OCHD
Linda Ruggirello-Oakland Family Services
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Jessica Trotter-Great Start Coalition
Angela Varela-OCHD

Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn

Lisa greeted the group and provided an update on Covid. She stated that Covid cases are still going at a strong rate. Most schools are back in session but using a virtual platform. Some schools are providing seating instruction. 63 nurses have been hired to

work in the schools and to assist with sporting events in addition to assisting with following the governor's guidance.

Gyms have also begun to open, and we have been assisting them with their plans. For additional information, please go to Oakgov.com/covid,

The health division is currently accepting referrals for their home visiting programs.

They are being done virtually at this time.

The Health Division had its first virtual safety fair and it was a success! Many were in attendance (28) and each participant was mailed a safety kit.

Partner Updates-

Amanda Kischuk-OCHD- Amanda spoke about August being Breastfeeding Awareness month and how they were able to capture 20 stories from people about their breastfeeding experiences. You can find them at OaklandCountyBreastfeeding.org. Amanda also stated that they plan on holding a conference next year about Breastfeeding. Lastly, WIC is planning on being back in the office on October 1st.

Kate Barlow- OCHD-Kate announced that they were able to distribute 35 gift boxes to breastfeeding moms in the community during August. She also added that they are working on updating the county website.

Jessica Trotter- Great Start Coalition- Jessica announced that the Home Visiting Needs assessment is now complete and they are waiting to hear back from MPHI. Also, September 25th at noon there was an Asthma prevention meeting.

Flavia Maccio-Great Start Parent Coalition- Flavia reported that on September 25th at 7 p.m. they are hosting a Parent Connection meeting to help promote family activities.

Terry Dorta- Oakland Family Services- Terry discussed the Fussy Baby and the Parents as Teachers programs and that they both have availability. Please call Ester at 248-858-7766 ext. 209 for further details.

Michele Maloff-Nurse-Family Partnership- Michele announced that the team completed their CQI project with the parents recording a special message to their child. Michele is working with our Health Education team to be able to share the project at one of our meetings. Lastly, September 17th is the last grantee meeting for the fiscal year.

Lighthouse- Angela Gill

Angela reported that the programming has shifted due to Covid, but emergency food and shelter are still in place. The drive-up pantry is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Pontiac and Clarkston. Diapers and formula are available upon request. Food delivery is available for those who are homebound. Lighthouse is looking for volunteers. Please visit Mycovidresponse.org for more information.

The emergency shelter is operating at a local hotel. If you know someone needing housing assistance, please encourage them to call 248-920-6000 at 10 a.m. each day for availability. The more housing needed, the more that will become available.

Another resource available is the rental assistance and eviction prevention. Visit lighthousemi.org for more information.

Dave Roth-OCHD-Safe Sleep and FIMR- Dave explained some common definitions with safe sleep related deaths. SUID-Sudden unexpected infant death, ASSB-Accidental suffocation & strangulation in bed. In 2016, the APA developed new guidelines and visual aides to show why babies should sleep on their back. In Michigan, there are 1.3 sleep related deaths per 1000 births. They have noticed the inequity of sleep related deaths in both Pontiac and Southfield specifically. Four new strategies have been developed; Risk reduction, accept client where they are, Motivational interviewing and Develop a plan. There is free online training, or a nurse can conduct a virtual training. There are infant deaths each month and most of them are preventable.

In discussing FIMR, Dave spoke about a collaborative in with the Great Start Coalition. SIDS awareness month is October. During the month they will be sending out a Safe Sleep Snap which is posting a picture of a baby sleeping in a safe area. They are hoping to educate physicians and offer pre or interconception care. They are also looking at laws for mid-wives and lastly, they want to have FIMR pamphlets in doctors' offices. Dave and his team are encouraging all home visitors to take breastfeeding and safe sleep courses. Please email Dave at rothd@oakgov.com if you will be requiring this for your staff.

Ending comments: Lisa mentioned that the next LLG meeting will be October 8th at 1 p.m. Lisa also added that we will be promoting home visiting programs by providing packets of information to all OB providers in Oakland County. Lastly, if your program is interested in presenting, please let us know.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19, 2020, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322 and via bluejeans.