

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES November 11, 2018

Members Present:

Kate Barlow-OCHD
Frankie Bonner-OCHD
Ecole Brooks-OC Community Mental Health Authority
Michelle Carter-St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Kristin Crosty- OCHD
Jennifer Day-Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition
Deborah Dixon-St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital
Genessa Dolittle – OCHD
Russell Faust-OCHD
Marie Gadjev-OCHD
Leanora Gray-OCHD
Nija Haggard-OCHD
Lisa Hahn-OCHD
Tricha Hughes-Great Start
Nicole Lazzeria-Meridian Health Plan
Melissa Major-Meridian Health Plan
Michele Maloff- OCHD
Marie McClain-OCHD
Laura Mulligan-Crittenton Hospital
Gina Ratcliff-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Kate Rettler – OCHD
Amanda Richardson-OCHD
David Roth-OCHD
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Oleg Stanley-Care House
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Angela Varela-OCHD
Theresa Weight-OLHSA WIC
Terri Wheeler-OCHD
Charlotte Young-Oakland Family Services

Welcomes and Introductions – Lisa Hahn

Lisa welcomed members new and old. Lisa announced that there is a Best Start for Babies newsletter available. Please let us know if you are receiving it. Lisa also discussed FIMR and reported that Pontiac has the highest infant mortality rate in the State other than Detroit. There

is however a new FIMR plan being established for 2020-2022 that includes zero preventable deaths and zero disparities. Lastly, Lisa announced that a position will be made available soon for the Great Start Collaborative.

New Updates from the Partners

Deborah Dixson-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

Deborah announced that they have been awarded a \$50,000 grant to work on the effects of marijuana and opioids with mothers and babies. On March 13th, they will be hosting a meeting to establish how the funds would best be spent to support these efforts.

Michele Maloff-OCHD NFP

Michele reported that Oakland County was selected by the State to work with other agencies on Intimate Partner Violence. The project will take 12-15 months to complete. The group will be traveling to Washington DC to work with other groups. The team is also working on a new COIIN project dealing with Maternal and Child Health, with includes well baby visits and postpartum visits. Lisa commented on how breastfeeding rates have increased due to the teams CQI efforts.

Kate Barlow-Breastfeeding CQI Project

Kate reported that her team just finished their first Breastfeeding CQI project on ensuring that new Moms were still breastfeeding up until the baby is 6 weeks of age. Their second project will be to increase the interest and rate of initiating breastfeeding.

Jennifer Day-Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition

Jennifer reported that they were awarded a grant. The grant will allow both Pontiac and Southfield to have support groups, the training of two new lactation consultants and restructuring. If you would like to be involved, please let her know.

Terri Wheeler-OCHD-Environmental Risks for Children

Terri presented on the environmental risk factors of lead, such as in paint, water, brass fixtures, spices and contaminated soil. This raises many health effects in pregnant women and children. Recommended testing intervals for children are at 12, 24, and 36 months and beyond. A weekly report is sent of all people in Michigan who have been tested and that information is transferred to MCIR. Terri also report on AIM (Asthma in Michigan) and provided resources available. This is the most common condition to effect pregnant women and number one medical condition as to why kids miss school.

Genessa Doolittle-OCHD-Lead Prevention Partnership

Genessa reported that they are applying for a grant to assist in coming up with innovative ways to deal with lead. They will be reviewing the toolkit provided by the State for more detailed information. If you have any feedback, please let her know.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 24, 2018, 9:00 am, Oakland County Health Department Room 322. This will be the meeting room for 2019.