

Breastfeeding Advocates of Sarasota County (BASC)



**DATE: Wednesday,
January 9, 2019**

**TIME: 3:30 PM
-5:00 PM**

PLACE: SCHD Rm 2063

ATTENDEES Jamee Thumm, *HS Coalition*; Debbie Eldridge, *LLL*; Amy Daneman, *DOH*; Mary O'Connor, *SMH*; Miranda Biset, *WIC*; Beverly Phelps, *Save My Life*; Chelsea Arnold, *DOH-Child Health*; Rachel Slidell, *SMH Intern*; Agatta Evens, *WIC*; Renee Turner, *SMH & WGU*; and Shane Geffe, *FSU College of Medicine*.

REGRETS Pamela Strouhal; Jen Chivas; Natalia Cava

MINUTES Jamee Thumm

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A. Welcome and Introductions

- 1) Review of minutes from 11.14.18

B. Breast Pumps

- 1) Healthy Start has one pump remaining from original Junior League grant. They will seek funds for purchase of pumps and continuation as community gaps remain.
- 2) Discussion about prenatal providers assisting moms in filling out breastfeeding forms for insurance and prescribing breastpump as this takes several months and child health (Chelsea) sees a lot of moms seeking pumps. Debbie suggested handout on hand pumping to assist mom while waiting for pump (will share with group and post online).
- 3) Miranda (WIC) recommended Aeroflow (online and phone assistance) for help getting moms pumps as they deal with insurance, no charge.
- 4) SML & HS assist moms during pregnancy with paperwork for pumps.
- 5) Provider education would be helpful.
- 6) SMH struggles in NICU when WIC is closed (Friday-Sunday). Miranda discussed peer counselor contact hours to confirm mom/baby in WIC. She also suggested MOU with WIC & SMH for pumps held at SMH NICU to assist.
- 7) Rentals are no longer available.

C. Breastfeeding Employees Discrimination

- 1) No state laws in Florida protecting breastfeeding in the workplace, can use anti-discrimination statutes but limits (ex. 15+ employees) and open to interpretation. Federal law has limitations (hourly-wage employees, 50+ employees, employers can file for hardship if less than 50 employees.) (handout on file)
- 2) Discussed new report and reviewed the executive summary. Discussion about bringing cases of discrimination to FL Breastfeeding Coalition to discuss legislative action for state workplace protection. (handout on file)
- 3) Discussion about encouraging workplaces to support breastfeeding employees via the Breastfeeding Friendly Project. Rachel will review project, update, and contact potential employers & businesses regarding participation as part of her internship project.

- 4) Debbie suggested Rachel reach out to educate a local business who was discriminating against patron who was breastfeeding. Also suggested Lucky's Market as they are very supportive and are holding LLL Meetings.

D. Training and Conferences

- 1) [Tampa Bay Breastfeeding Taskforce](#) – “Building Bridges to Better Breastfeeding: Annual Conference 2019” on February 15, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Tampa General Hospital MacInnes Auditorium. Tickets \$40 (early), \$50 (regular) include CE (pending CE & LCERPS), lunch, & admission.
- 2) [Healthy Children's Center for Breastfeeding](#) – International Breastfeeding Conference in Deerfield Beach, FL on January 15-18, 2019.
- 3) [LLL's webinar series](#) – quarterly webinars. Current topic: Sexual Abuse.
- 4) [NACCHO](#)— “Weaving a Lactation Care Safety Net: Creating a Breastfeeding Ecosystem” January 15, 2019 2-3pm, CE credits available.
- 5) [USBC](#)— “Power Tools for Coalitions’ Webinar Series” January 16, 2019 2-3:30pm.
- 6) [GOLD Lactation](#) – online April 1-June 3, 2019. \$225 (early) \$265(regular).

E. BASC Member Updates

- 1) DOH—Child Health
 - a. Chelsea changing positions from DOH to SMH to work on 1,000 Days Project to expand reach in community. Will work only Saturdays at Child Health and for IMPLICIT Project.
 - b. Would love to have a breastfeeding provider education during QI time at DOH. Also discussed funding for staff to attend SMH CBC Training.
- 2) DOH—WIC
 - a. 2 hired Peer Counselors are trained. Miranda introduced Agatta who speaks Russian and Ukraine and will be working in North Port. Diane works in Sarasota.
 - b. All Peer Counselors were invited to attend any support groups & LACH clinics for additional education.
- 3) Healthy Start
 - a. Evening for Healthy Start Fundraiser is January 31, 2019. Tickets are on sale.
 - b. #MagnifyGood social media campaign for \$10k grant discussed. Please share, like, and engage with social posts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, & Pinterest).
 - c. Breastfeeding Group funding has ended. Groups will continue thanks to the generosity of the Peer Counselors who will continue to volunteer their time. Grants and funding sought.
- 4) La Leche League
 - a. New leader starting soon. Kelly. Shared new flyers (on file.)
- 5) Sarasota Memorial Hospital
 - a. CBC Training open to nurses on March 11 & 12, 2019.
 - b. At a recent Baby-Friendly meeting, Dr. Hill was looking at disparities and how other communities are addressing this issue. He's looking into Peer Counselors in NICU.
- 6) Save My Life Program
 - a. First Step challenges have been addressed thanks to Mary's assistance. Bev will follow-up to how things are going during subsequent visits.
- 7) No additional member updates at this time.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
3:30-5:00 PM SCHED Room 2063**