

Best Start For Babies OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023

Members Present:

Maribeth Baker-Beaumont
Kate Barlow- OCHD
Melinda Blesch-OCHD
Kellie Bouren-Beaumont Royal Oak
Francheska Carnacchi-OCHD
Michelle Carter-Trinity Health Oakland Hospital
Leigh Coyle-OCHD
Kristen Crosty-OCHD
Anna Dillaway-Oakland Community Health Network
Ruth Dargary-OCHD
Jessica Dawed
Stephanie Esters-Priority Health
Jennifer Floyd-OCHD
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Linda Graves-OCHD
Kristen Garska-OCHD
Sheila Hare-OCHD
Khalia Hill-OCHD
Alexandria Israel-Oakland County LLG Parent
Javon Jamison-Meridian Health Plan
Jane Kessler-OCHD
Mary Mackinnon-OCHD
Michele Maloff-OCHD
Dee Maloney-CNM Conwell East
Sue Martinez-OCHD
Mary McClain-OCHD
Elizabeth Miller-OCHD
Gina Ratcliff-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Avonlea Richardson-Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association
Carol Robertson-Trinity Health Oakland
Anne Ronk-OCHD
David Roth-OCHD
Phyllis Samsky-OCHD
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Julie Traicoff-OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Jessica Trotter-Great Start Coalition

Bria Tucker-OCHD
Amanda Vagts-OCHD
Angela Varela-OCHD
Carole Walsh-OCHD
Jessica Williams-OCHD
Joann Wrobel-OCHD

Welcomes and Introductions –Michele Maloff

Michele welcomed members new and old.

Updates:

Anna Dillaway-Oakland Community Health Network

Anna announced that they are having a community baby shower in June. The date and time have yet to be determined. Vendors and donations will be welcomed. Please let her know if you are interested in participating.

Jessica Trotter-Great Start Collaboration

Jessica announced that they are offering a professional development course on January 26, 2023. It will be focusing on Working with Challenging Parents.

Michele Maloff-OCHD-NFP

Michele reported that the NFP team has continued to increase their caseload from 56%-88%. They have accomplished this through tremendous amounts of outreach efforts. Along with this, they have also witnessed an increase in graduates from the program. NFP and CN have openings for their programs. The team is still working on their CQI project of converting referrals into enrollments along with working on engaging their clients.

Flavia Maccio-Great Start Collaborative-Emergent Literacy and Collaboration Updates

Flavia discussed the programs that are available. She discussed the partnerships with the community and resources for families in need. She also asked the group “How and why they chose to work with families?” Some of the participants shared their stories for the group. Flavia talked about the parent coalition and how this allows them to bring their voice to the meetings. It also ensures that the resources they are providing, make a difference. Flavia also provided some information on early language and literacy. She stated that 1 in 3 suffer from illiteracy. They want to support parents so they can encourage their children. They want to enhance two way communication and look at milestones to make sure they have the resources that are needed. Lastly, she discussed social emotional health and training that is available.

Josh Campeau-Pontiac Public Library-Young Child Literacy Programming at the Pontiac Public Library

Josh had provided a video, but unfortunately there were some technical difficulties. We will view it at a later date.

Dave Roth and Anne Ronk-OCHD-FIMR Updates

Dave reported that the overall infant death rate has decreased from 58 in 2021 to 36 in 2022. Dave asked the partners what their organizations can do to help increase vaccine rates. He requested that they each make a social media post if we provided the information. Many participants offered to share a post and came up with other ideas to spread the word. Dave also added they the team is still trying to educate businesses on being breastfeeding friendly. He is looking for 4 organizations to work the toolkit that has been established. Please let him know if your organization is interested.

Anne discussed covid and infant mortality rates. Per the Mayo Clinic, covid has impacted low birth rates and increased in hospital maternal deaths. This outcome is the same globally. Preterm births did not increase during this time.

Mary McClain-OCHD

Mary stated that everyone would be receiving a coalition mapping survey. She asked that everyone please take the survey so we can determine our strengths and to see what we can improve on.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023 via Teams