

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2025

Members Present:

Andrea Agboka-OCHD
Michelle Alread-OCHD
Sheryl Baron-OCHD
Kasey Bayliss-OCHD
Clarisa Berra Ganza-Health Families America
Melinda Blesch-OCHD
Sekrette Burbank-Oakland Family Services
Catryna Campbell-OCHD
Francheska Carnacchi-OCHD
Leigh Coyle-OCHD
Kristen Crosty-OCHD
Samantha Demont-OCHD
Kristen Garsa-OCHD
Tamara Gordon-OCHD
Holly Groves-OCHD
Lisa Hahn-OCHD
Khalia Hill-OCHD
Anna Jessop-Oakland County Health Network
Gloria Lutey-OCHD
Michele Maloff-OCHD
Sue Martinez-OCHD
Elizabeth Miller-OCHD
Marybeth Reader-OCHD
Michelle Reese-OCHD
Anne Ronk-OCHD
Carla Rosman-OCHD
David Roth-OCHD
Phyllis Samsky-OCHD
Kai Scott-OCHD
Katie Smedley-OCHD
Heather Trajkovski-OCHD
Bria Tucker-OCHD
Angela Varela-OCHD
Carole Welsh-OCHD
Danielle White-OCHD
Joann Wrobel-OCHD

Welcomes and Introductions –Lisa Hahn

Lisa welcomed the new and old members.

Anna Dillaway-Oakland Community Health Network- Anna encouraged the group to view their calendar for upcoming workshops. On February 13th from 6:30-8 p.m. there will be a virtual meeting on cannabis and cytotropic medications. They will also be hosting their 3rd annual Community Baby Shower. If you would like to partner with OCHN on this, please let Anna know.

Sekrette Burbank-Oakland Family Services

Sekrette spoke about the LLG meeting taking place on 1/22 that is offering home visitor training. On 2/4, there will be Supervisor development training. On 2/5, there will be a meeting at Oakland Family Services in Pontiac which will include car safety.

Elizabeth Miller-OCHD

Elizabeth spoke about the Help Me Grow program in Michigan and how they offer free programs. The program matches sites with families that are interested. They are available to help with the future success of our youth.

Michele Maloff-OCHD

Michele spoke about the safe planning training and our plan of safe care. We are hoping to assist SUD in helping them with their support resources. The state is requesting that nurse home visitors begin the plan if they know they are involved in substance abuse.

Lisa Hahn-OCHD

Lisa spoke about two grant opportunities that Semquic awarded to Oakland County. One is for Best Start for Babies and the other is for FIMR. The plan is to follow the inter-conception module to roll out and assist clients in having a safe and healthy pregnancy. Lisa also applied for another grant to create Baby Cafés in the community. We hope to find out soon if that was awarded to us.

Marci Weigers-OCHD-Oakland Connect News & Updates

Marci spoke about a new unit being formed at OCHD to help with the Social Determinants of Health for our residents. They are hoping to expand the county's resources and with the help of other community health workers. They plan on teaching self-sufficiency throughout our county. They are also piloting other projects within the community to see if they have a positive outcome.

Michelle Alread-Lead in Oakland County & Prevention Services

Michelle provided the group with a lead presentation that included the hot spots in our community. It has been discovered that immigrants are coming with spices from their country of origin that possess large amounts of lead. When a client is tested, they are looking for a blood level of 3.5 or less. The lead team has discovered that paint and dust are some of the biggest issues. Children are the most susceptible to lead poisoning. Pregnant women can experience an impairment of the neurodevelopment in the fetus. Ways to reduce exposure are to wash hands and wash all baby items to name a few. In 2023 a bill was passed for Universal lead screening to be conducted. The next step is to help alleviate our lead problem is to add sanitarians, add two extra nurses, provide additional education and provide outreach education to our immigrants. You do not need to be enrolled in WIC to be tested.

Michele Maloff –OCHD-Nurse Family Partnership

Michele announced that Kate Barlow has joined the NFP team! We are very excited to have her join us! Michele also touched on our CQI project of retention and retention during pregnancy. With weekly contact, we are hoping to increase our retention up to 75% by the end of March.

Dr. David Roth & Anne Ronk-OCHD-FIMR Update

Dave announced that there have been changes in staffing in his group. Bria Tucker will not be a part of the FIMR Team!!

Dave is hoping to have some additional resources for the Grief website in the very near future.

Anne gave a year-in-review presentation. This year they focused on prevention with careful attention to the high-risk cities. During the teams' review, they saw an increase in congenital abnormalities. They also discovered that 100% of the safe sleep deaths were not in cribs, but co-sleeping with an adult. There were 48 deaths in total. In the next year, they want to focus on educating the Mothers and families on the dangers of smoking marijuana and continued education on safe sleep practices.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025, via Microsoft Teams