

Best Start For Babies

OAKLAND COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 20, 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 Garksa-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

- June 4th is the 3rd annual community baby shower 10am-1pm
- Pregnancy vaccine prescription pad updated and ready for use
- New child car seat safety training/information tech- Sekrette Burbank

Lisa Bauer- Children's Special Healthcare Services & Resources- Helps families pay for medical care and treatment related to medical diagnoses (over 2700) for children up to age 26. This program is not income based. Clients receive help with coordinating and managing care, navigating health care systems, assistance with billing amongst a list of other things. Things that are not covered are things like ADD, Autism, Behavioral concerns, dental care and well care.

Megan Knaus- Honor Community Health- Community health center offering primary care, behavioral health and dental care. Coming soon they will offer Doula care, centering pregnancy and parenting, mother and baby supply closets, fatherhood programming and Lactation support.

Stephaine Ester, Leyla Morales- Priority Health System- Offers programs that combat low birth weight, gestational hypertension diabetes and obesity. They have a focus on care management, member outreach and support, home visits and community outreach. Priority Mom provides moms with the resources and support they need throughout their pregnancy journey. Priority Baby is a family first program to offer support from birth through the biggest infant's milestones; up to 2 years of age.

Michele Maloff-Nurse Family Partnership

Susan Martinez has returned part time to help with referrals and resources. Pregnancy retention has increased from 68.6% to 82%. Maternal Hemorrhage is up next to be discussed.

Dr. David Roth -OCHD-FIMR- Gave sleep-related updates. Touched on the disparities among races and low birth weights. He gave statistics and areas to focus on. Make sure when engaging with clients we are putting a focus on NOT putting blankets in the crib with babies. He touched on the topic of room sharing and how African American moms are allowing babies to sleep alone more than white moms which helps promote safer sleep habits.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025, via Microsoft Teams