

Breastfeeding Coalition Meeting Minutes

SeaMar WIC

5411 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA

Monday, March 11th 2019 12:00-1:00

Attendees: Michelle Paul, Sacred Family Birth Services, Kim Fahey, Vancouver La Leche League; Jennifer Dickison, WIC; Malia Silverthorne, WIC; Tricia Pace, WIC; Yasmina Aknin, Clark County Public Health

Topic	Person	Discussion	Action
Introductions and Icebreaker	Yasmina	Please share your name, organization you are representing and one good thing that has happened this past week.	
Grant update	Yasmina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Health was awarded the LSPAN grant. The grant will fund staff to continue to support implementation and promotion of federal lactation act in worksites. There is extra funding to purchase breast pumps, or other amenities.Tricia shared the need for recognition materials such as certificates, materials that have a personalized logo.Showcase and reward worksites with a certificate. A few worksites that show breastfeeding support are New Seasons, Charter Centrum, East West Martial Arts.Not all insurances cover breast pumps. Having a hospital grade pump at worksite is efficient and convenient. A few worksites to look into are illani, Burgerville, Clark College, WSU-V.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirm if we can use funds to create promotional/recognition material.Reach out with ilani to learn more about their breast pumping practices.Reach out to Burgerville to learn more about their breastpumping practicesReach out to Vancouver Business Journal to write an article to advertise breast pumps for worksites.
Outreach and community engagement	Yasmina/All	In order to sustain the coalition, we need more members. How do we advertise? Fliers La Leche League Doula community PeaceHealth-Debbie Hunter Birth Work NW Baby Showers at Fort Vancouver Library (this event is being put on by Pat Shaw, Nurse Family Partnership at Public Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yasmina will work with graphic designer to create a flier and a Facebook banner

Data	Yasmina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no local breastfeeding data other than WIC. Epidemiologist (Adiba) has offered to start collecting BF data. We would like to collect duration data. • Could we have an online survey for moms to fill out to collect data? • Midwives-to capture home births • Vancouver Clinic • American Academy of Pediatrics might have a list of pediatricians in Clark County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmina will relay this information to Adiba. Will update the group at the next meeting.
Resources/Events Conferences/Updates	All	<p>Last 5 minutes of the meeting will be designated to share any resources, updates, or conferences. Here is what was shared at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating an Equitable Pierce County Breastfeeding Community • Birth Work NW Conference • Two Days with Jack Newman sponsored by South Sound Breastfeeding Network • Jane Hienig- Nutrition First 	
Current legislation	Tricia/Jennifer	<p>Discussion on whether coalition would write a letter in support of the following bill. Public Health, a government agency, is chair and unsure if there would be a conflict of interest. If so, members can individually write in their letter of support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1930-a bill that would provide 2 years protection for employees to pump at work, for businesses of 15+ employees. • Tax exempt groups, salary, and farm workers would be included under these protections. They are currently exempt. • Employees who don't have a lactation space would need to work with their employee to identify a convenient location and flexible schedule to pump. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmina will reach out to Michele Lord to get clarification on how the coalition can support the bill without being a conflict of interest.