

Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition Quarterly Meeting November 13, 2019

If you were unable to join us at our quarterly meeting on November 13, 2019, you will find a summary of our meeting below. Please join us for our next meeting on February 12, 2020, location TBD.

Thank you!

- USBC Business
 - MBC participated in the USBC Advocacy call, shared information on Baltimore City Legislation, paid family leave campaign – Time to Care
 - USBC sign-on letters in support of Small Airports Act and WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor funding
 - USBC Federal Legislation Information
 - <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/p/cm/ld/fid=861>
 - USBC Constellations (online work groups) – email president@mdbfc.org if you are interested in joining
 - Action 10 - Educating health care professionals on breastfeeding - Deb, Lili
 - Action 14/15 - Workplace support, including babies in the workplace - Katy
 - Action 19 - Improving tracking of breastfeeding rates - Nancy
 - Action 20 - Increase capacity of breastfeeding coalitions - Rae, Nancy
 - Legislative Policy and Advocacy
 - SGCTA 1: Give mothers the support they need to breastfeed their babies - Karen
 - SGCTA Action 7: Ensuring that maternity care practices throughout the United States are fully supportive of breastfeeding - Whitney
- Western Maryland:
 - Karen Dacey suggested that MBC look into marijuana and Breastfeeding
 - Western MBC meeting 2/3/2020
 - Next Fredrick conference April 20,2020:
 - MBC discount
- Appalachian Coalition Conference
 - October 9-10, Flintstone, MD
- Treasure's report Highlight: 91 members, an all-time MBC record high!
- Workplace awards
 - 41 nominees, 35 total awardees
 - Ceremony 11/15
 - Continue to reach out to Healthiest Maryland Business for potential nominees
- Outreach - Danya working on t-shirt design in hopes of selling
- MBC will be at Holy Cross Baby Fair, November 17
- Legislation
 - Maryland Family Network sponsoring Time to Care Campaign – Paid Family Leave
 - House 341/Senate 500
 - <http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/timetocare/>
- Equity Lens
 - The Bloom Collective is holding and sponsoring 15 people through the Certified Breastfeeding Specialist
 - Application period open
 - <https://forms.gle/DByEfZQQzGJ2wagb6>

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- MBC collaborated on project
- MBC Project – Increase IBCLCs of Color in Maryland
 - Fundraising ~2500 to support 2 people per year
 - Still working out fundraising details, application, including online for non-profits, such as rally.org
 - Goal to open program for applications by December 2019, January 2020
 - Donations in the name of mentors, breastfeeding supporters
- Breast Pumps discussion tabled till 2/13/2020 meeting
- Two big celebrations next year:
 - MBC will be celebrating 10 years as a non-profit organization
 - Maryland Women’s Celebration – 100 years of voting rights
- Interested in Working on a Project with MBC? These are our active projects – email president@mdbfc.org for more information:
 - Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Awards
 - Resources for businesses’ lactation rooms
 - IBCLCs of Color Scholarship Project
 - Pump Access
 - Breastfeeding Welcome Here Campaign
 - Maryland Women’s Celebration – 100 Year Anniversary Voting Rights
 - Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition 10 Year Anniversary 2020
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