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](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/](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](https://forms.gle/DByEfZQQzGJ2wagb6)
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

- **Next meeting 2/12/2020, location TBD**