

Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition February 12, 2020 Quarterly Meeting Summary

Thank you to Karen Dacey and Western Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition for hosting us in Frederick!

1. USBC Business
 - a. USBC Membership Meeting January 23, 2020
 - i. Convening in Scottsdale, AZ, June 12-13, 2020
 - ii. Applications open for awards, presentation proposals – Deadline February 16
 - iii. Elections for 5 Directors, Chair, Secretary, later this year
 - b. Nikia Sankofa, USBC Executive Director, testified in Congress "Expecting More: Addressing America's Maternal and Infant Health Crisis"
 - c. View testimony here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8SHB7Zo6zs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0q4IUgqUG7r2J-xCuLyQO5L1GzucG88Ez4hVnigfutAH4IF197CYf8Wd8>
 - d. Federal Department Updates
 - i. Slides available here: <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/p/do/sd/sid=1457>
 - ii. Partner with NACCHO and ASTHO promoting breastfeeding at local level
 - iii. mPINC 2018 Results this spring, launching mPINC 2020 later this year
 - iv. Infant Feeding Practices Study III
 - v. Infant Toddler Nutrition website can be syndicated
 - vi. Healthy People 2030 – Expected to launch soon
 - vii. Dietary Guidelines – Call for comments this spring
2. MBC Signed support letters for the following bills:
 - a. FAMILY Act
 - b. PUMP Act
3. Federal Legislation Passed – MBC Signed Support Letters when available
 - a. Small Airports Act – Passed in House, Senate next
 - b. WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Funding - \$30M increase!
 - c. CDC Hospitals Supporting Breastfeeding - \$1M increase!
 - d. USBC Website – Federal Legislation <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org>
4. MBC Members participated in the Donor Milk and Continuity of Care Constellation meetings
 - a. Forming stages – email MBC if interested in joining a Constellation (online workgroups)
5. IBCLCs of Color Scholarship Project
 - a. We have raised \$7500 from individuals and Baltimore Healthy Start
 - b. We had 20 applicants and sent out 4 award letters
6. The Bloom Collective
 - a. Fundraising and Hosting LER's 45-Hour Certified Breastfeeding Specialist Training
7. April is Minority Health Month
8. Black Mamas Matter Alliance sponsoring third annual Black Maternal Health Week "Centering Black Mamas: The Right to Live and Thrive" - April 11-17
 - a. The Bloom Collective's Tanay Lynn Harris is the Kindred Partner in Maryland
 - i. Check their website for events and details
 - ii. MBC will share via email list and Facebook page
 - b. We have a volunteer who would like to help with/organize an event
9. Breast Pump Access
 - a. If mom is having trouble accessing a pump and is on a Medicaid plan: Need mom's name and MA#, what managed care organization she is enrolled in, details of the case
 - b. Health Choice Help Line number: 800-284-4510

- c. Contact Maryland's Attorney General's Office to report a complaint with access to medical equipment:
<http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/heau/default.aspx>
 - d. 2019 Medicaid Criteria – available on MBC website mdbc.org
 - i. Lack of consistency between what the criteria states and what patients receive
 - ii. Calls to all MCOs – vary in their coverage of pumps throughout the state and none offer outpatient lactation support coverage
 - e. Suggestion for MBC to assist moms via website
 - i. We have volunteers willing to help with this project
 - f. Facebook Question – If on Medicaid, did you have any problems accessing a pump?
 - i. We had no feedback from individuals
10. Title V Needs Assessments – More planned, will share via email
- a. Three MBC members attended in-person meeting held in PG County
 - b. Advocated for pump access, coverage of lactation support visits, extending medical coverage for postpartum women beyond 6 weeks
11. In Maryland: Paid Family Leave Bill - HB 839/SB 539
- a. Maryland Family Network – visit website to submit stories, testimony
 - b. Hearing February 24 (new date just announced) (House)
 - c. Hearing February 27 (Senate)
12. Nurse's Night in Annapolis February 17
13. Baby Friendly Hospitals in Maryland
- a. Two new since our November meeting: University of Maryland Medical Center (11/19), MedStar Harbor (12/19)
14. Outreach Events – See MBC, [contact us to volunteer: president@mdbc.org](mailto:president@mdbc.org)
- a. February 6 - We attended the Johns Hopkins Baby Shower
 - b. April 19 - Holy Cross Germantown Baby Fair
 - c. May 17 - Baltimore Birth Festival
 - d. October 28 - State WIC Conference
 - e. October 9&10 Appalachian Breastfeeding Network Meeting
15. Contact us if you would like to work with us on a celebration of MBC's 10th Anniversary
16. Maryland WIC has new marijuana and pregnancy/breastfeeding handouts
17. CDC has updated their website with marijuana and pregnancy/breastfeeding information
18. MBC Elections – please consider nominating yourself for a Board position – contact us president@mdbc.org
19. Next meeting dates (location TBD):
- a. May 13, 2020
 - b. September 9, 2020
 - c. November 11, 2020
 - d. February 10, 2021
 - e. May 12, 2021