

**REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

**Maternal and Infant Health Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 8, 2015**

**Members Present:** Diana Buist, Michelle Datema, Sondra Fettes, Megan Houtz, Susanna Joy, Diane Marquess, Angela Myers, Jessica Rauch, Victoria Reese, Sallie Shears, Erin Somerlott, Cindy Standish, Jennifer VanValkenburg, Jill Wise, Catie Zamarion, , Linn Mahabir.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Sallie Shears.
2. **Approval of June Minutes:**

**Motion**: Approve June 2015 Minutes

Victoria Reese

Erin Somerlott

Motion Carried

1. **Infant Safe Sleep Follow-up**
   1. **Infant Safe Sleep Coalition Update:**
      * 97 Pack-n-Plays have been distributed through June which is up from this time last year. 150 additional Pack-n-Plays have just been ordered through Cribs for Kids. Awarded $15,000 from United Way to fund educational materials/activities and additional Pack-n-Plays.
      * Education will be provided at the county fair this summer. Movie theater ads will start this September. Will also be doing bus ads and church mailings.
      * 600 additional Period of Purple Crying videos were provided to Bronson. Oaklawn indicated that they are also out so Erin will provide them a box as well.
      * Group reviewed the Sleep Related Infant Death data page.
      * Discussion about how to coordinate our message with that of breastfeeding advocates. We don’t want to send a mixed message but when we discover that a woman is bed sharing we need to meet her where she is at and do harm reduction.
   2. **Infant Safe Sleep Coalition Next Steps:**
      * Group would like to send a letter to remind people of what resources are available in the community.
      * Need to secure funding for Period of Purple Crying Video.
      * May want to include a magnet with the Period of Purple Crying information so families have a commonplace item with the information always readily available.
2. **Community Partners Funding:** The Community Partners Board has provided funding for the Nurse Family Partnership, Breastfeeding Coalition 3 Year Plan, and the Baby Basics Books. These funds have paid for a full time nurse who work halftime for NFP and halftime toward breastfeeding education. MIHC will be providing the Community Partners Board with a package outlining how all of our groups and activities connect. Group suggested providing the board with statistics around infant mortality and connect the stats to the work we are doing in MIHC. Would also be helpful to provide a case study. Michelle and Sallie will work on a Fitmap/Ecomap to show how the groups are coordinated.
3. **Centering Pregnancy Model:** Grace Health has added a Midwifery and Centering Model. Jill will provide a full presentation at the September meeting but wanted to give MIHC a brief on what centering is. Instead of several individual appointments with a provider, women join a cohort of pregnant women with similar due dates. They attend group with increasing frequency as their pregnancy progresses. During the facilitated group the women (and spouse/parent) can discuss the topics that are important to them which allows them to learn from each other. During this time they also have health checks, belly checks, and a dental check. This model has shown to decrease preterm birth, increase breastfeeding, and increase patient satisfaction. Grace Health plans to have a centering group for pediatrics.
4. **Items for Follow Up:**
   1. Erin Somerlott will provide Period of Purple Crying Videos to Oaklawn
   2. Diane Marquess will check on the status of the CAN Council to determine if they will they be helping fund infant safe sleep materials.
   3. Jill Wise will look at the MDCH and United Way budget line-items to determine how much money we have left for additional Period of Purple Crying videos.
   4. Order additional Period of Purple Crying videos as the budget allows to distribute to hospitals.
   5. Jill Wise will make sure the Sleep Related Infant Death information page is added to the Born to Be website.
   6. Shaken Baby brochure to be distributed with the pack-n-plays.
   7. Jill Wise will get more Born to Be stickers to Erin Somerlott to also be included with the pack-n-plays.
   8. Michelle Datema and Sallie Shears to develop a Fitmat/Ecomap to illustrate how the groups working on MIHC are connected.
   9. Victoria Reese to see if we can get a testimonial from a grandparent who lost their grandchild to unsafe sleep.
5. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 8:00am – 9:30am.**
6. **Meeting adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by: Linn Mahabir**

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