

**REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

**Maternal and Infant Health Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 9, 2015**

**Members Present:** Stephanie DeRushia, Sondra Fettes, Kelly Gowin, Cheryl Hinds, Ruth Hope, Diane Marquess, Heidi Pengra. Victoria Reese, Kristin Roux, Sallie Shears, Alyssa Stewart, Jennifer VanValkenburg, Jill Wise, Catie Zamarion, Linn Mahabir

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

**Motion**: Approve July 2015 Minutes

Sondra Fettes

Jill Wise

Motion Carried

* **PRAMS** – Attendees were provided a Collaboration Proposal between Michigan PRAMS and the MIHC. PRAMS has been collecting data statewide and if they are granted additional funding, they would like to collect Calhoun County data. Representatives from PRAMS will attend the October MIHC meeting to talk with the group about what data we are interested in collecting. BC Pulse will also be invited to the meeting to discuss their survey activities in the community.
* **Centering Pregnancy & Midwifery Model** – Ruth Hope was invited to discuss the Centering Pregnancy and Midwifery model that has been implemented at Grace Health. There are currently 10 midwives who work with a focus not only on the baby but also the woman and her needs. The Centering model forms cohorts of 12-15 pregnant women at similar stages of pregnancy (supporting partners welcome). Groups allow for a collaborative exchange of information and support which leads to better birth outcomes for mom and baby. Grace Health hopes to expand this model to other health issues such as diabetes and heart disease.
* **Community Partners Follow-up** – Members of the MIHC are going to be doing a presentation to the Community Partners Board next week to raise awareness about this group’s work in an effort to continue funding for vital programs and materials.
* **Other Business**
  + Grace Health has officially taken over the Maternal Infant Health Program.
  + Jill Wise presented to Kiwanis on maternal infant health and the pack-n-play program. They donated $1,500.
  + Sallie Shears is retiring from Summit Pointe and will no longer be participating on the MIHC. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation for all of the years she has been dedicated to this work.
  + Healthy Babies Day in Albion is on September 26th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.
* **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 8:00am – 9:30am at Kool Family Community Center**
* **Meeting adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by: Linn Mahabir**

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