

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION
DRAFT AGENDA
Monday, February 25, 2019**

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission will hold a public meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at DC Health, 899 North Capitol St., NE, Room 306, Washington, D.C., 20002. Below is the draft agenda for the meeting.

Note taker: Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda

Questions about the meeting may be directed to Chair, Commissioner Angela McClain, at angela.mcclain@dcbc.dc.gov.

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I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:22p

II. Roll Call

In Person:

Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda – Community Outreach Expert
Commissioner Angela McClain—Community Outreach Expert, Chair
Commissioner Jenny Tender—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Noni Robinson—DC Health Representative
Commissioner Christina Stowers—Consumer Member
Commissioner Lauren Propst-Riddick—Consumer Member

Via Phone:

Colleen Sonosky—Department of Health Care Finance Representative
Commissioner Sahira Long—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Suzanne Henley —Office of the State Superintendent of Education Representative
Tamika Cambridge – DC Department of Human Resources
Commissioner Noelene Jeffers—Lactation Expert Member

Absent:

Commissioner Stephanie Hack-Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) Member
Quamiece Harris—Department of Human Services
Commissioner Gwendolyn West—Lactation Expert

Commissioner Amira Roess—Public Health Expert Member
Commissioner Kanika Harris—Public Health Expert
Emily Woody—DC Health Representative (maternity leave)

III. Adoption of Agenda

- A. Change to agenda—won't review November 2018 minutes this month (they were not sent out), so we will review those in March
- B. Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Christina Stowers, seconded by Commissioner Lauren Probst-Riddick

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 2018 and January 2019 Meeting

- A. Minutes from November 2018 were not received, so we will review those at the next meeting
- B. Motion to approve January 2019 minutes (pending edits) made by, seconded by Commissioner Jenny Tender, seconded by Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda.

V. Old Business

A. 2018 Annual Report

- Noni Robinson gave an update on where the Annual Report stands—moving its way up the chain of command. Currently
- Question around Recommendations 6 and 8—should we ask for a full-on needs assessment (for FY 2020) rather than a “fiscal impact report.”
- DC Health should have a budget hearing coming up in April 2019
- Committee on Health (Vincent Gray)
 - 1. Noni will help find a date on this hearing
 - 2. Need to compose a statement that includes a potential budget for this needs assessment, and for someone to testify at the hearing

VI. New Business

A. Government Representatives Updates – 10 min per Representative, if any

- Tamika Cambridge – DC Department of Human Resources Update
 - 1. DC Department of Human Resources has a new lactation space
- Suzanne Henley—Office of the State Superintendent of Education Representative
 - 2. Update on breastfeeding rating system for childcare facilities
 - 3. Working on implementation of the breastfeeding standards
 - 4. Question from Commissioner Jenny Tender about the K-12 curriculum Mary Revenis is working on
- Colleen Sonosky—Department of Healthcare Finance
 - 5. Has been working with operations administration (which enrolls providers) on transmittal, but does not have an update as of today.
 - 6. Will send out an update on the transmittal via email—hoping the transmittal will go out by next month

7. Also working on a few grants that will be going out from the Department of Healthcare Finance
 - a. One (\$200K) on improving maternal services — will let us know when the RFP(?) goes out
 - i. Will send out more information on the language of this grant via email
- Noni Robinson—DC Health
 8. Have updated lactation commission minutes
 9. Are in the process of updating DC Health website with breastfeeding info as well
- B. 2019 Subcommittee Priorities & Make-Up
- Listed on page 23 of Annual Report
 1. Education and Library:
 - a. Work with DC Public Library to ensure breastfeeding material is updated and complete (follow up with Sheryl Katzin at DC Public Library—see letter on page 26 of annual report)
 - b. Ensure breastfeeding resources on DC Health website are complete
 - c. Work with OSSE and DCPS to to develop and implement a breastfeeding curriculum for grades K-12
 2. Milk Bank:
 - a. Survey area neonatal intensive care units to determine the extent of need for a human milk bank
 3. Lactation Support Services and Hotline:
 - a. Evaluate landscape of breastfeeding support in DC workplaces
 - b. Advocate for comprehensive Medicaid billing and reimbursement mechanisms for independent consultations and classes provided by peer and professional lactation support providers
 - c. Provide support and feedback to OSSE on Breastfeeding Ratings Standards for childcare facilities
 - Recommendations on pg. 1 of Annual Report
 - Committee Makeup (chairs in bold)
 4. Rebrand Library Committee to “Outreach and Education” Sub-Committee
 - a. Recommendations 1-4 of Annual Report
 - b. **Stephanie Sieswerda**
 - c. **Jenny Tenders**
 - d. **Christina Stowers**
 5. Human Milk Bank Sub-Committee
 - a. Recommendation 5 of Annual Report
 - b. No one on this sub-committee yet
 6. Lactation Support Services and Hotline Sub-Committee
 - a. Recommendations 6-8 of Annual Report
 - b. **Noelene Jeffers**

- c. Sahira Long
- d. Lauren Probst-Riddick
- C. 2019 Meeting Schedule & Note takers
 - Continue for monthly meetings?
 1. Yes—but skip May for Memorial Day
 - Meet via WebEx for summer months?
 2. Yes—June through September
 - Notetakers:
 3. March—Noni Robinson
 4. April—Suzanne Henley
- D. Vacancies
 - Noni will follow up with MOTA about recruitment for Amira Roess' replacement

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

VIII. Review of Action Items

- Noni will research date for the DC Health budget hearing
- Noni will reach out to DC Health about budget planning review process to see if we need to fill out any forms based on our recommendations that require budget
- Follow up with Sheryl Katzin at DC Public Library to ensure breastfeeding material is updated and complete—see letter on page 26 of annual report for reference
- Subcommittees have meeting before we meet next to flesh out a work plan for the upcoming year.
- Angela will reach out to Commissioners who missed today's meeting to find out which
- Angela will find November 2018 minutes and circulate
- Angela will reach out to Vincent Gray (Councilmember for Ward 7—that's her ward!)
- Suzanne will re-circulate breastfeeding ratings standards for childcare facilities
- Colleen will give us information on transmittal when she receives it, will also circulate information on the new grant from Department of Health Care Finance
- Testimony for DC Health budget hearing - Jenny and Angela will work on a testimony together
- Jenny will resend letter about the Mayor's Maternal and Child Health Summit to Jay Melder—Chief of Staff for Deputy Mayor Wayne Turnage, Department of Health and Human Services, copying Colleen Sonosky.

IX. Items to Continue for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in person at DC Health on Monday, March 25, 2019 from 6pm – 8pm.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.