

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018**

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission will hold a public meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Webex. Below are the call-in details and draft minutes:

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

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I. Call to Order 6:09

Government Representative Emily Woody, Department of Health

Christi Dorsey, DC WIC Director

Commissioner Christina Stowers

Colleen Sonoksy, Department of Healthcare Finance

Commissioner Jenny Tender

Commissioner Lauren Post-Riddick

Commissioner Nolene Jeffers

Government Representative Quamiece Harris

Commissioner Sahira Long

Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda

Noni Robinson

Judy Campbell

Missing:

Commissioner Gwendolyn West

Commissioner Amira Roess

Government Tamika Harris, DCHR

Government Kanika Harris

Government Representative Lindsey Palmer, OSSE

Government Representative Suzanne Henley, OSSE

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda – review of agenda, addition of the Health and Wellness Committee K-12 Curriculum (Commissioner Sieswerda), suggested following up with OSSE at next meeting regarding the Breastfeeding Ratings.

IV. **Approval of Minutes from June 2018 Meeting** - Commissioner Stowers and Commissioner Jeffers approved the minutes

V. **Old Business**

A. Updates on IBCLC Medicaid Training – Colleen Sonosky (5 minutes)

Colleen and her team met with operations from DHCF to make sure that billing procedures can happen for IBCLCs to be able to bill Medicaid. The system needs to be updated so Lactation Consultants can bill separately for Medicaid. The billing code S9443 will be used (Nutritional Support) – for individual 101 counseling. State Medicaid Director needs to approve the code to be used in the system. Transmittal needs to be done on steps to enroll and code to use for Lactation Consultants. The time frame for this project completion would be the beginning of fiscal year 2019. When finalized, Conduit may do a webinar if there is a need or in person to train Lactation Consultants on the process. Everything that is needed will be in the transmittal, this information will be submitted throughout the breastfeeding community. Next steps include Colleen will continue to have a meeting with operations management and October is a realistic timeframe. Colleen does not have information on the reimbursement fee schedule. Commissioner Sieswerda recommends use of code 99404 for preventive counseling reimbursement. Colleen will provide another update in October meeting.

VI. **New Business**

A. DC Health Planning and Budgeting (Christi Dorsey)

DC Health will present a logic model with the new processes in place moving forward.

Funding for DC Government project includes grants, contracts/procurement and sub-contracting. Quarter 3 (April-June) and quarter 4 (July-September) is the time that proposed new business for the upcoming fiscal year is considered. DC Health operates in federal fiscal year (October-September). First quarter of funding cycle starts October 1st in which the grant is disseminated through the EGMS system. Administrator will put information into the EGMS system, including a budget. Project manager for the grant will then lay out for scope of work, and the evaluation/monitoring information. Christi Dorsey, Amelia Peterson-Kosecki, Dr. Talwalkar, and Clara McLoughlin all need to review any proposals for funding before approval and this process takes 30-45 working days for review.

During the second quarter, DC Health establishes the grantee by a program manager asking for a meeting/site visit to ensure the grant is being implemented correctly. Purchase orders are also established in the system during this quarter. This is also the quarter in which monitoring of program outcomes begins.

During the third quarter mid-year reporting requirements and evaluating touch points throughout the year to make sure deliverables are being met. During the fourth quarter, DC Health ensures money has been spent by the grantee. Grantee must meet the deliverables in order to meet the requirements of the grant.

Typically, funding is allocated via a legislative requirement and the LC would allocate the budget from year to year. Christi recommended that this would be the most appropriate time of year to make funding requests. Next Meeting a review of the logic model will be shown.

B. Global Latch On – August 4, 2018 (Commissioner Seiswerda)

National Breastfeeding Month Activities

Global Latch On – This is a 2 hour event, to get as many people to physically breastfeed all at the same time. The latch on takes place at 10:30pm. The entire event takes place from 10:00-12:00pm. Commissioner Seiswerda requested any commissioners available to attend the event and sit on a panel discussion regarding breastfeeding support in the District. Commissioner

Seiswerda will circulate the flyer post-meeting. Would strongly encourage participants from various backgrounds and areas of the city to participate. Other panelists included 1,000 days and Mamatotovillage. Panel discussion will discuss World Breastfeeding Week theme. Questions will be provided via email by Commissioner Seiswerda.

Movie Screening of Zero Weeks – Thursday, August 16th 6:30-8:30pm. Screening on the Landmark E-street cinema. Partnered with the DC Paid Family Leave campaign. Offering some free tickets at the global big latch on event.

Mother Baby Summit – Another event of National Breastfeeding Month, event will be place on August 29th. Sahira asked Colleen if there were any additional names to include in the discussion on insurance coverage for inpatient donor milk. Dr. Orz will be included. Judy suggested a panel member from a government agency or another state that has resolved the issue. Colleen does not feel it is the appropriate avenue to discuss the issue. Commissioner Long suggests asking other states to learn from their processes. Commissioner Tender and Judy will connect with Shawnese from the DCBFC on panel updates.

C. Updates from Sub-Committees, if any

1. Breastfeeding Library (Commissioner Tender)

No updates at this time.

2. Human Milk Bank (Commissioner Propst-Riddick)

Not sure where to go from this point due to the repeal of the Breastmilk Support Bank Bill. No questions will be included in the survey for DC Health.

3. Lactation Support Services and Hotline (Commissioner Jeffers)

No updates at this time.

Angela suggests having a mid-year report instead of an annual report.

Breastfeeding K-12 Curriculum Updates (Commissioner Sieswerda):

Colleen recommends contacting Kristen Roe and Diana Bruce from DCPS – Health and Wellness Advisory Committee to send the drafted letter. Colleen suggests framing as asking the DCPS representatives for the Lactation Commission or presenting at the next health and wellness advisory committee meeting.

Colleen discussed information regarding promotion of the prenatal services in Washington, DC. Recreating a map of services available for maternal services. Maternal depression screening is available in a well-child visit up to 4x times.

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

VIII. Review of Action Items

IBCLC Medicaid Reimbursement – send information to Colleen.

Christi/Emily – send DC Health Logic Model once completed.

Members send information to Stephanie for Global Latch on Event

Angela – send next draft of annual report prior to August 31st

Sub-Committees to meet prior to next meeting

IX. Items to Continue for Next Meeting

X. Adjournment – 8:01pm.