

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 27, 2018**

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission held a public meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Below are the meeting minutes:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

II. Roll Call

Via Webex:

Colleen Sonosky—Department of Health Care Finance Representative
Commissioner Sahira Long—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Commissioner Stephanie Hack-Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) Member
Commissioner Jenny Tender—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Emily Woody—DC Health Representative
Commissioner Lauren Propst-Riddick—Consumer Member
Commissioner Christina Stowers—Consumer Member
Commissioner Angela McClain—Community Outreach Expert, Chair
Judy Campbell—Member of the Public

Absent:

Commissioner Gwendolyn West—Lactation Expert
Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda – Community Outreach Expert
Commissioner Amira Roess—Public Health Expert Member
Tamika Cambridge – DC Department of Human Resources
Commissioner Kanika Harris—Public Health Expert
Commissioner Noelene Jeffers—Lactation Expert Member
Lindsey Palmer—Office of the State Superintendent of Education Representative
Suzanne Henley —Office of the State Superintendent of Education Representative
Noni Robinson—DC Health Representative

III. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as is. The motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Tender.

IV. Approval of Minutes from July 2018 Meeting

The following updates were provided on the action items listed in the minutes:

- Colleen will speak with oracle about the training and will provide an update at the October meeting.
- DC Health is still working on the Logic Model for its grants program. Emily will circulate it when it is ready.

Some spelling errors were noted for the July meeting minutes. A motion to approve, pending spelling corrections, was made by Commissioner Hack and seconded by Commissioner Long.

V. Old Business

A. Debrief on Global Latch On – August 4, 2018

Commissioner Tender provided a recap/debrief on the Global Latch On event. About 70 people attended with 30 mothers participating in the latch-on. It was a diverse group of participants who engaged with the panel about the barriers to breastfeeding.

B. Zero Weeks Screening

Commissioner Tender also provided a recap of this event. There was a great turnout at the screening including representatives from DC Breastfeeding Coalition and Paid Family Leave. The film is a good documentary. Over 79 tickets were sold.

VI. New Business

A. Upcoming Events

1. Regional Mother-Baby Summit on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 hosted by DCBFC

DCBFC will host the Regional Mother-Baby Summit. The Summit has a nice line up. Our very own Emily Wood will be presenting as a representative from DC Health, as well Commission Tender. Dr. Jennifer Nelson from CDC will be the keynote speaker. To date, 73 people were registered. There was still more space available and the Commission was encouraged to participate. There is a small fee of \$10 which will cover food. The event will be held from 8am – 4pm. There will be a panel discussion on breastmilk reimbursement. Representatives from the San Jose Milk Bank, HMBANA and Mocha Milk Bank of NE (based in NYC) will attend. In the program brochure, Mayor Bowser wrote a letter of support for the event.

2. 2018 Maternal and Health Summit on September 12, 2018 hosted by Mayor Bowser

Mayor Bowser will hold the first Maternal and Health Summit. The event will serve as a platform to roll-out the perinatal health plan. Emily will attend. The event will be held from 9am – 4pm. It will be recorded, so interested parties can review the email at a later time.

3. Swearing-In Ceremony

On September 17, the Mayor's Office on Talent and Appointments (MOTA) will host a swearing-in ceremony for new members of boards and commissions. Some of our Commissioners will be sworn in including Commissioner Hack, Commissioner Stowers, Commissioner Sieswerda

4. WIC Event at RISE Center

In celebration of Black Breastfeeding Week, DC Health (WIC) will host a panel discussion with experts, networking opportunities with local groups and resources on August 30, 2018 at the R.I.S.E Demonstration Center from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Panelists include:

- Christi Dorsey, WIC Director
- Kayla Alexandria, Blogger and On-Air Talent, Moments N Melanin
- Israel Jean Holland, BreastfeedingInColor
- Nikia Fuller-Sankofa, NACCHO
- Dr. Lanre Falusi, Children’s National Medical Center

B. Updates from Sub-Committees, if any

There were not sub-committee updates.

C. 2018 Annual Report Review and Next Steps

For the remainder of the meeting, the Commission reviewed the draft annual report to highlight areas for revisions. Commissioner McClain will circulate the next draft of the report. Commissioner Stowers will edit the report once it is finalized by the Commission.

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comment (s).

VIII. Review of Action Items

IX. Items to Continue for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in person at DC Health on Monday, October 22, 2018.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.