

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Monday, December 16, 2019**

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission held a public meeting on December 16, 2019 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The meeting was held at DC Health, 899 North Capitol St., NE, Room 306, Washington, D.C., 20002. Below are the minutes for the meeting.

Note Taker: Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda – Community Outreach Member and Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

II. Roll Call

Attendance in Person:

Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda - Community Outreach Member and Commission Chair
Commissioner Jennifer Tender - Pediatrician/Neonatologist
Commissioner Aubrey Villalobos – Public Health Expert
Noni Robinson - DC Health Representative

Attendance Via WebEx:

Commissioner Sahira Long - Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Commissioner Gwendolyn West - Lactation Expert Member
Commissioner Lauren Propst-Riddick - Consumer Member
Commissioner Angela McClain - Community Outreach Expert Member
Commissioner Christina Stowers - Consumer Member
Colleen Sonosky - DC Department of Healthcare Finance Representative
Emily Woody - DC Health Representative
Suzanne Henley – OSSE Representative
Quameice Harris - DC Department of Human Resources Representative

Absent:

Commissioner Noelene Jeffers - Lactation Expert Member
Commissioner Kanika Harris - Public Health Expert Member
Commissioner Stephanie Hack - Obstetrics/Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) Member
Jill Johnson – DC Department of Human Resources Representative

III. Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Commissioner Villalobos and seconded by Commissioner Tender. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

December 2019 Meeting—A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Tender and seconded by Commissioner Long. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

- a. Department of Health Care Finance Medicaid Transmittal Update
 - i. Commissioner Tender provided an update about the dissemination of the Medicaid Transmittal through the DC Breastfeeding Coalition. 3 members of the Program Development Committee drafted a letter to go out to IBCLCs to be approved by the DCBFC Board
 - ii. Commissioner Sieswerda and Website/Social Media Committee posted information about the transmittal on the DCBFC website
 - iii. Sending out to IBCLCs in the DMV – Program Development Committee will do this. Emily Woody will also pull up the email list we used to send out the survey about lactation support services.
 - iv. Stephanie will reach out to BCGW about posting on website
- b. Draft Warning Letter Approval Vote
 - i. Commissioner Aubrey Villalobos suggested one more change to the draft warning letters – for the Final Warning Letter, change “Final warning of Removal from Lactation Commission” to “Final warning of Non-Attendance from Lactation Commission”
 - ii. The Commission voted to approve these letters pending this change
 - iii. Motion to approve the warning letters was made by Commissioner Villalobos, seconded by Commissioner Stowers.
- c. Related Boards and Commissions Update
 - i. Colleen Sonosky suggested Title V Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board as a potential partner
 - ii. Commissioner Aubrey Villalobos suggested Thrive by Five
 - 1. Emily Woody asked if they have open meetings - unsure
 - iii. Another suggestion from Colleen Sonosky – the Health and Wellbeing subcommittee of the SECDC (State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council)
 - iv. Emily Woody will follow up with them to see if one of them could come to one of our meetings

VI. New Business

- a. Subcommittee Updates
 - i. Outreach and Education
 - 1. Commissioner Jenny Tender talked to Suzanne Henley from OSSE about the K-12 Curriculum. Suzanne will connect Jenny with someone from DC Health and will send Jenny contact before Thursday, if possible.
 - ii. Lactation Support Services
 - 1. No updates.
- b. 2019 Annual Report Updates – Survey Results, Annual Report Task Force Updates
 - i. Discussion of the Survey Monkey survey results. Recommendations 1, 6, 7, and 8 got the highest number of votes.

1. Recommendation 1: District agencies continue to support efforts to promote breastfeeding at policy and systems level interventions; promote breastfeeding events on website
 - a. May be able to combine this with Recommendation 7
2. Recommendation 6: Needs Assessment
 - a. Discussed the importance of specificity of the questions we include in the report that we're recommending the needs assessment to answer
 - b. We may need to get quotes from companies who do needs assessments, if possible
 - c. Jenny will reach out to 1000 days about if they do needs assessments and who they might use
 - d. Gwen will relocate and reassess needs assessment outlines she has found for previous work
3. Recommendation 7: Funding for breastfeeding support services at FQHCs and FQHC look-alikes
4. Recommendation 8: Hotline
 - a. Emily will send information she has on Pacify – breastfeeding rate increases since using Pacify
 - b. Emily will look up and send other resources/programs being used outside of Pacify that we could include in the report.
- ii. Discussion of how our recommendations might be time-bound. It is already too late to make recommendations for 2021. 2022 budget decisions are being made now. Is it possible to testify at any of the Performance Oversight Hearings happening now?
 1. Emily will coordinate with Suzanne to see if we can testify at Performance Oversight Hearings
- iii. To include in the Appendix of the report:
 1. Medicaid Transmittal
 - a. Colleen will pull number of enrollments and number of submissions by providers
- c. Government Representatives Updates – 10 min per Representative
 - i. Quamiece Harris (DCHR) made a suggestion that after the Annual Report is completed, we should think about how we can give out resources to people doing home visits or in DCHS offices.
- d. OSSE Early Childhood Summit Update
 - i. Future project: Suzanne Henley suggested that we think about putting Summit presentation and handouts from the session on OSSE's website, or use again somehow? Department of Human Services Summit is at the end of January. DC Health will have their own.
 - ii. Colleen Sonosky—thinks they'll do the Summit every other year.
- e. 2020 Meeting Minutes Note Taker Schedule
 - i. Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda will send out via email

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

VIII. Additional Announcements

- a. Emily Woody will send out WIC research study paper to commission

IX. Review of Action Items

- a. Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda will reach out the Breastfeeding Center for Greater Washington
- b. Emily Woody will share email list that was used for the Lactation Commission's Lactation Support Services Survey
- c. Emily Woody will follow up with Title V Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board and Health and Wellbeing subcommittee of the SECDC to see if one of them could come to one of our meetings
- d. Commissioner Jenny Tender will reach out to 1000 days about if they do needs assessments and who they might use
- e. Commissioner Gwen West will relocate and reassess needs assessment outlines she has found for previous work
- f. Emily Woody will send information she has on Pacify – breastfeeding rate increases since using Pacify
- g. Emily Woody will look up and send other resources/programs being used outside of Pacify that we could include in the report.
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IX. Items to Continue for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in-person on Monday, January 27, 2020 from 6:30pm – 8pm in-person at DC Health.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.