

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2018**

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission held a public meeting on Monday, June 25th, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The meeting was held via WebEx. Below are the draft minutes for the meeting.

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

Notetaker: Commissioner Sahira Long

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I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 6:13pm by Commissioner McClain.

II. Roll Call

By phone:

Emily Woody—DC Health Representative

Commissioner Jenny Tender—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member

Commissioner Stephanie Sieswerda – Community Outreach Expert

Commissioner Sahira Long—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member

Commissioner Christina Stowers—Consumer Member

Commissioner Angela McClain—Community Outreach Expert, Chair

Jessica Huey—DC Health Intern

Colleen Sonosky—Department of Health Care Finance Representative

Commissioner Amira Roess—Public Health Expert Member

Commissioner Kanika Harris—Public Health Expert

Lindsey Palmer—Guest Speaker, Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)

Suzanne Henley—Guest Speaker, OSSE

Absent:

Commissioner Lauren Propst-Riddick—Consumer Member***went to DC Health

Commissioner Gwendolyn West—Lactation Expert

Commissioner Stephanie Hack-Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) Member (on maternity leave)

Commissioner Noelene Jeffers—Lactation Expert Member (getting married)

Tamika Cambridge – DC Department of Human Resources

Quamiece Harris—Department of Human Services (DHS) Representative

III. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as is. A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Roess.

IV. Approval of Minutes from May 2018 Meeting

The minutes were approved as is pending formatting changes. The motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Stowers.

V. Old Business

A. K-12 curriculum (Commissioner Sieswerda)

Commissioner Sieswerda requested assistance with formatting the ask to send to Colleen before forwarding to DC Public Schools (DCPS) Health & Wellness Advisory Committee (Kristen Rowe and Diana Bruce, heads of committee). Emily Woody agreed to help. Commissioner Long suggested exploring their interest and attaching NY curriculum as an example.

B. Needs Assessment (Commissioner McClain)

Commissioner McClain had phone call with Ms. Keaton who clarified that all requests and recommendations should go to DC Health as our administrator rather than the Mayor. DC Health representative (Christy Dorsey) to attend July meeting to discuss budgeting timeline and approval process; hope to tie this into work that Jessica Huey is already doing. Funding would not likely come from DC WIC budget.

VI. New Business

A. Review of Lactation Support Survey – Jessica Huey (30 minutes)

A survey was created to help identify who are lactation support providers in the DC area. Looked at similar surveys from other states. Should take 10-15 minutes depending on person's role. Hope is to have it distributed in the next few weeks. Suggestions to include: an option for those who are providing services through grants that are free of charge, guidance on whether role or title should be used (e.g., Certified Lactation Counselor who is hired as a peer educator); how far away would you be willing to go/what wards, zip codes or neighborhoods do you tend to serve for those who do home visit. GIS mapping will be done if responses received before Jessica's internship finishes. Please email comments/suggestions to Jessica Huey at jesshh@live.unc.edu. Jessica also would greatly appreciate any emails for lactation support providers in the District that any of the meeting attendees know about. She is especially having trouble getting emails for lactation consultants at GW and Georgetown.

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

Had meeting with operations team that revealed the potential need for an internal refresher on what they hope to do. Colleen will inform the internal team of the survey so they are aware of it and how helpful it will be to identify the providers who should be included in the training. Colleen is still trying to figure out the technological issues that need to be sorted out in order to allow billing. Goal is to have training action plan ready by September with roll out in beginning of the fiscal year.

C. Review of OSSE Breastfeeding Ratings – Suzanne Henley & Lindsey Palmer (30 minutes)

Chibu is no longer with OSSE thus Suzanne and Lindsey have taken over this work and will carry it forward with hope to see parts of it in action in the next 3 months and would like to remain accountable to this group for doing so Emily Woody has already provided feedback. Met with DC Breastfeeding Coalition VP and President regarding goals of the work. As the standards are currently written, they speak to supporting both the enrolled moms of the children and the staff. OSSE hopes to use it in partnership as a training tool and tool to encourage centers to be breastfeeding friendly. Is aware that DC Breastfeeding Coalition has

an award that early care and education facilities (ECEs) could apply for as employers with less than 50 employees so would like to know thoughts on whether this should be separated out from support provided to enrolled moms vs. staff. OSSE has applied for a grant to help with this work. If no funding received, would still like to move ahead focusing on areas that would be no or low-cost to implement for OSSE and the ECEs. Commissioner Tender suggested removing information designating infants so there is no limitation on age, avoiding negative wording, and considering more inclusive language (mother vs. parent). Jessica Huey suggested looking into North Carolina's Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare Centers information: <http://www.nutritionnc.com/breastfeeding/childcare.htm>. Commissioner Long inquired if information previously shared after a call with DC Breastfeeding Coalition has been reviewed; it has been received but decision made not to begin changing the document yet. Comments can be sent via email to Lindsey Palmer lindsey.palmer@dc.gov and Suzanne Henley suzanne.henley@dc.gov. It is likely that these will be our new OSSE representatives moving forward.

D. Updates from Sub-Committees, if any

1. Breastfeeding Library (Commissioner Tender)

Two priorities: recommendations on website (already being done; any feedback to the document shared by Emily Woody should be sent to emily.woody@dc.gov by July 2, 2018). Colleen offered to link final product on DC Health Check website; recommendation on DC Public Library resources (letter to be submitted on DC Health letterhead)—Commissioner McClain to circulate to new members. Members to move to other committees once these priorities are completed.

2. Human Milk Bank (Commissioner Propst-Riddick)

Priority 1: Letter/survey to local hospitals to assess their breastfeeding services to feed into the process for establishing a Human Milk Banking Association of North America milk bank. Reminded in conversation with MOTA that bill to establish milk bank was repealed as it went unfunded for 2 years. Need to make a case for establishing a milk bank but no funding will be coming from DC Health or MOTA to establish a milk bank. Commissioners Sieswerda and Tender suggested including questions about need for milk bank/donor milk use in the survey being sent out. Emily Woody recommended limiting to no more than 2 questions since survey is already long and requested that this committee send those questions to her in the next 2 weeks.

3. Lactation Support Services and Hotline (Commissioner Jeffers)

Commissioner McClain has not yet been able to meet with this committee. Commissioner Long confirmed that committee has not met since edits were made to report.

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

VIII. Review of Action Items

- Commissioner McClain will review Lactation Support Services recommendation in report so that they are addressed to DC Health.
- K-12 Curriculum: Commissioner Sieswerda with assistance from Emily Woody to flesh out proposal/statement of request to DCPS Health & Wellness Advisory Committee
- Commissioners asked to review survey and send any feedback to Jessica Huey by July 2, 2018.
- Colleen Sonosky will report update on IBCLC billing training action plan back to Commission by September.
- Commissioners will review OSSE ratings system and send comments to Lindsey Palmer and Suzanne Henley before the next meeting in July.
- Commissioner McClain will send items in DC Public Library letter and would like feedback by July 16, 2018.

- Human Milk Bank committee will meet to digest recommendation to not move forward with prioritizing the establishment of a milk bank in DC.
- Human Milk Bank committee to send Emily Woody 2 questions to be consider for inclusion in the survey by July 9, 2018.

VIII. Additional Items

- Commissioner Long provided update on the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Act of 2018 hearing on 6/22/18. Three witnesses (Commissioner Long on behalf of DC Breastfeeding Coalition; Jeff Hild, the Policy Director at the Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University; and Dr. Mary Revenis on behalf of DC American Academy of Pediatrics Fetus and Newborn Committee—all in favor; Executive testimony provided by Dr. Talwalkar on behalf of DC Health also supportive. There will not likely be any action on the bills heard until Oct 2018 per Chairman Gray.
- Commissioners having trouble accessing email asked to work with OCTO to get their issues resolved. Personal emails will be copied until that is done to ensure receipt of time-sensitive information.
- Emily Woody to update meeting invite to reflect that they are happening via WebEx for the next 2 months.

IX. Items to Continue for Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm by Commissioner McClain.