

# Breastfeeding Advocates of Sarasota County (BASC)



**DATE: Wednesday,  
November 2, 2016**

**TIME: 3:00 PM  
-4:30 PM**

**PLACE: SCHD Rm 227**

**ATTENDEES** Jamee Thumm, *HSCSC*; Ciera Coleman, *HSCSC*; Debbie Eldridge, *LLL*; Alex Rodman, *SMH*; Mary O'Connor, *SMH*; Chelsea Arnold, *SCHD Pediatrics*; Lauren Sporillo, *HSP*; and Zubeda Mtatifikolo, *Advocate*.

**REGRETS** Beverly Phelps, *Save My Life*

**MINUTES** Ciera Coleman

## MINUTES

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### I. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Review of Minutes from 9/7/2016. No corrections noted.

### II. Breast Pump Rentals – Medicaid coverage

- a. Continuing the topic from the last BASC meeting, the Group discussed the lack of options for mothers in Sarasota County seeking rental or insurance-supported Breast Pumps. The group expressed frustration with difficulty and inconsistency working with insurance companies and Medicaid.
- b. WIC Provides rental pumps to clients with babies in the NICU or in other extenuating circumstances. Two members mentioned a total of 3 clients received pumps from WIC with issues (missing parts or nonfunctioning pumps). Jamee will contact Joan to notify her.
- c. Walgreens no longer rents breast pumps. Jamee provided a list from Medicaid of possible DME contractors/pharmacies in the area. As far as we know none are carrying pumps but requests from the community could make this change. Mary O. reached out to JC Home Medical outside of Sarasota who can provide pumps with provider prescription and accepts Medicaid (Sunshine, Staywell, & Molina) – and will send pumps via mail. Mary has sent several referrals, she will see what happens and keep us informed.
- d. As of June, Pregnancy Medicaid should be covering Breast Pumps. However, Jamee spent 6 hours researching this, attempting to find out how clients would be able to access pumps, and was unable to find a definitive answer. Jamee was able to reach Sandy Hoy from Staywell, who said that members need their PCP or OBGYN to write a prescription to a DME, and then client can pick it up or it can be mailed to them.
- e. Jamee will follow up with Sandy with additional questions. (Asking about hygienic kits for rental pumps, process, timing, etc) and continue to locate answers and contact personnel from the 3 other Medicaid MCOs in our region.

### **III. Breastfeeding Support Groups**

- a. Healthy Start has received grant funding from the SMH Foundation to provide a Community Health Worker style program to implement a Peer Support Worker Program to promote breastfeeding.
- b. The group discussed scheduling for groups, Instructors, and recruiting peer support workers.
- c. Possible requirements of Peer Support Workers - Breastfed ~ 6 Months, Within past 5 years, Positive experience breastfeeding.

### **IV. Training Opportunities**

- a. Additionally, the above mentioned grant allows for 40 additional CBC Trainings for Nurses and Breastfeeding Support Workers. The training will be scheduled shortly.
- b. Jamee distributed several flyers regarding opportunities for CEUs – online (iLactation, Gold) and conferences (Healthy Children's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference in Orlando) and education (CLC in Tampa, Breastfeeding Outlook).

### **V. 2017 Planning**

- a. The group decided to continue meeting the first Wednesday of every other month in the same location.
- b. 2017 meeting dates: January 4, March 1, May 3, July 5, September 6, November 1

### **VI. Updates/Noteworthy**

- a. Debbie said the La Leche Conference will be reschedule. Stand by for more information.
- b. Lauren asked about Staywell's Incentive program. Staywell clients can sign up for this program and receive baby items for complying with prenatal and postpartum office visits. Clients can also order diapers and wipes through their Staywell rep. They also advertise covering doula services for women under 20.
- c. Ciera wondered what the status of the SCHED Breastfeeding Nook is. Can we put up signage? Ciera will follow up.
- d. Chelsea shared her efforts to improve prenatal breastfeeding support at the Health Department. She will update as she figures out more logistics.

#### ***NEXT MEETING:***

**January 4, 2017**

**3:00-4:30**

**SCHD Room 227**