

Boulder County Breastfeeding Coalition Meeting 6/4/2015

Minutes

Attendees: Linda Kopecky; Melinda Morris; Laurie Houde, Sarah Scully, Vickie Marsh, Martie Stangoni, Jen Rodehaver, Diana Trevino

Introductions and New Members:

Karen Frank: Joint Commission gave Boulder Community Hospital top ratings for perinatal work, especially breastfeeding. PRAMS data shows that 99.8% of BCCH moms ever BF and 96% BF 6 weeks or more.

Melinda Morris: Went to a child care center to discuss BFF and talked to employees about WIC – began the conversation about that center being both a provider and a worksite. This brought about the realization that we may need to do some “handholding” for centers to embrace the concept of themselves as worksites and how to meet the needs of BF employees.

Martie Stangoni: A Wild Plum family educator (Maren) will be doing the internal BFF training for their parents – they will need to do a big push with their Early Head Start families.

BF Coordinator Update: BCPH has hired Linda Kopecky as the BFF Environments project coordinator, to start in August.

Survey Update:

The survey went out to all PACE businesses (~2000) and we received 17 results (one not so valid). This was a test of the tool and realized that question #3 needs to be tweaked a bit and we need to add something about drop-in lactation rooms. Once the project coordinator is in place, we will contact all those who responded and wanted further assistance. This tool may be most useful after some personal contact with businesses and not necessarily as the first point of contact.

The group brainstormed “star businesses” to approach: Covidien, CU Boulder, Boulder County, City of Longmont, the school districts, and Arapahoe Ridge HS.

Weld County BFF Businesses project:

Mike Schwann MS, RD is the point person at Weld County for their BFF Businesses project. His presentation for the Colorado Breastfeeding Coalition (in August) provides more details about their approach and criteria. BCBC will reach out to the coalition for learning and collaborating.

Next meeting: August 27th in Boulder at Sundquist Site, Baltic conference room