

Boulder County Breastfeeding Coalition Meeting Minutes 1/10/18

In attendance:

Linda Kopecky
Heather Elkins
Tori Lee
Lori McLean
Shari Karmen
Angie Bailey
Lily West
Anja Bagheera Peterson
Carolyn Hobson
Sarah Scully
Diane Michel
Daniele Zaitzew

Presentation by the Mothers Milk Bank (Lorraine Borman and Abby Case):

1. The Milk Bank (opened in 1984) uses several specific terms, most notably “human milk” (vs. breast milk) and they produce 5 different kinds of banked milk for different needs
2. 39 countries have milk banks now
3. The governing agency is Human Milk Banking Association of North America (founded in 1986), which oversees ethics and advocacy of using banked human milk as a bridge to breastfeeding
4. Human milk banking is an outgrowth of (but not confused with) milk sharing (or “wet nursing”)
5. The Milk Bank is housed within the Rocky Mountain Children’s Health Foundation, which has other programs with similar missions, such as Best Start and their Baby Café.
6. Banked milk goes mostly to hospitals (31 are in Colorado, 136 in the United States).
7. The Milk Bank is always looking for more volunteers and more donors (donors are screened, milk is tested). More information is to be found on their website <https://rmchildren.org/mothers-milk-bank/>
8. Donors are pre-screened to ensure milk is safe; milk is pooled at pasteurization to create more consistency in fat content (the biggest variable in banked milk)

Updates from attendees:

1. Angie Bailey is new to Boulder County, is a body worker, PT, and has worked quite a bit with breastfeeding families
2. Daniele Zaitzew from Boulder Community Hospital is getting the hospital ready for redesignation under the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative™
3. We reviewed the status update on the businesses that are Breastfeeding Friendly Employers <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/pregnancy/breastfeeding-friendly-organizations/>

**New meeting time: Every other month, 2nd Thursday of the month, 8:30-10:00am.
Location: alternate between Longmont and Boulder (unless field trip).**

Next meeting March 14, 2019 in Longmont (a field trip – stay tuned for directions to location!)