

September 17th Meeting Minutes New Breastfeeding Coalition:

The first meeting of the steering committee for the Breastfeeding Coalition for the western Panhandle of Florida met on Thursday, September 17th from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. at Dr. Pam Klein's Gulf Breeze office of Pensacola Pediatrics.

There were 10 in attendance:

Regina Humphreys, IBCLC (SHHEC)	Cindy Reeves, ARNP (Peds)
Dr. Pam Klein, MD (Peds)	Dr. Sharon Seidel, MD (OB)
Dr. Sarah Leatherman, DC (LLL)	Karen Shelton, RN, IBCLC (SHH)
LeeAnn Montaina, RN (BH)	Lynette Ruckman, RN (PJC)
Kelly O'Brien, RN (WFH)	Ronda Yoder, ARNP

We began with introductions around the room. Ronda Yoder then explained some of the ways coalitions are organized at the state and national levels and why regional or local coalitions are needed. LeeAnn Montaina reported on the structure, activities and successes of the Alabama Breastfeeding Committee. The structure of the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition differs significantly from Alabama and leads to the need for more localized coalitions. Anne Sanborn was unable to attend, so she was unable to explain the demise of the local breastfeeding task force that was formerly active here.

We determined there was a consensus that there is a need for a local breastfeeding coalition. Members were enthusiastic in discussing ways to improve and support breastfeeding, identifying several things they were already doing. We discussed some of the potential strengths we have as a coalition to make a difference in our area.

As we began to work through the steps of naming and organizing the coalition, it was determined that we needed to take time to consider the individual steps in more detail. Dr. Klein suggested that we break up into committees to meet and work on 5 key steps: Name, Mission, Goals, Membership, and Structure and come together in a couple weeks to make recommendations. This was met with agreement by those present. The committees for this initial work period were determined as follows:

Name of Coalition: LeeAnn Montaina & Kelly O'Brien

Mission Statement: Pam Klein & Cindy Reeves

Goals/Objectives: Karen Shelton, Sharon Seidel, & Julie DeCesare

Membership: Regina Humphreys & Sarah Leatherman

Structure of the Coalition: Lynette Ruckman & Ronda Yoder

We decided to meet again on Tuesday, September 29th at the same time and location. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted,
Ronda Yoder