


Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic/ Presenter	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Meeting start and stop time		
Mission and Vision and centering moment	3:00- 3:05 AnnMarie Schmersal reviewed mission and vision and wellness moment, a moment to center on the beauty of our caring, compassionate, loving and inclusive community.	
Introductions	3:05-3:10 Brief roundtable introductions, name and affiliated organization or Start Strong role	
Data updates/ AnnMarie Schmersal for Helaina LeCaptain	3:10-3:20 AnnMarie reviewed recent infant mortality data trends including county IMR, birth rate, preterm birth rate, smoking rates, and high-risk pregnancy rates. This was continued from July meeting. Focus on topic of health equity. Please see attached. The group reviewed limitations to data collected including -Demographic data is not accurately capturing immigrants from Haiti, -Data does not show infants born at home without a birth certificate -Need to clarify if this IMR rate is for any gestation (ie if a baby is extreme preterm, are they included) -If an infant is delivered in another county or dies in another county; Clark county may not receive the information for 6-12 months afterward	https://clarkcounty-my.sharepoint.com/personal/aschmersal_ccchd_com/Documents/Documents/Start%20Strong/Presentations/September%202024%20meeting,%20data%20trends%20with%20a%20health%20equity%20focus.pdf
Mercy Health Birthing Center updates/ Elise Brown	3:20- 3:30 Continued from July meeting. Focus on topic of health equity. Elise and Carolyn shared the Birthing Center saw a 20% increase in births for 2023 and the trend has continued for 2024. There were 1064 births in 2022, 1225 in 2024 and 892 as of 9/1/24 for 2024. The Birthing Center is seeing an increase in Advanced Maternal Age high risk pregnancies and high rates of hypertension. 20.9% of C-sections have been primary and are usually due to fetal intolerance. This rate is steady compared to previous rates. -1.8% of births were < 32 weeks gestation	

	<p>-1.7% were 32-35 weeks gestation -4.8% were 35 +1 week gestation -91.4% were full term defined as greater than 37 weeks gestation The Birthing center has a Wildly Important Goal to increase breastfeeding initiation rates to > 30% exclusively breastfed by 2025. The center is currently at 33.3% exclusively breastfed. *There is exclusion criteria* The Birthing Center is also focusing on a statewide maternal hypertension safety bundle and they are meeting all pieced of the safety bundle. Pieces of the bundle include sending home a BP cuff, follow up appointments, etc.</p>	
<p>Formula shortage brainstorming session</p>	<p>3:40-4:00 Roundtable: Members shared information on resources available and brought forth concerns, gaps, barriers and needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What resources do you use to help clients in need of urgent lactation support? ■ What resources do you use to help clients in need of formula? ■ How can we support and promote breastfeeding? ■ How can we increase formula capacity? ■ How can we increase efficiency in locating formula stock? <p>Resources: -Start Strong Breastfeeding Resource page: https://startstrongcc.org/local-resources-3/#1654610577965-2f97de6b-86d6 -Dayton (GDAHA) Pathways HUB has resources for infants born in Montgomery county. GDAHA (Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association) Pathways HUB can provide support including nutrition assistance. Click here or see attached form: https://gdaha.org/community-health/hub/ -FYI Parenting Network has lactation counselors and has capacity to take referrals. Springfield Location Address: 1027 W High St. Springfield, OH 45505 Phone: (937)322-3514 New Carlisle Location Address: 468 N. Dayton-Lakeview Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344 Phone: (937) 845-0900 Fairborn Location Address: 934 N. Maple Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324 Phone: (937)879-3313</p>	<p> Dayton HUB_Referral Form_updated 05.26.2</p>

- Rocking Horse Community Health Center has certified lactation counselors (CLC) nurses.
- There are a couple of doulas in the county. Members did not have contact information at this meeting.

Formula Stocks: The group discussed the challenge of so many different formulas and how would you know which formula is safe to provide.

- Hannah's Treasure Chest has helped with formula 937-438-5039
- Nehemiah Care Portal may be a way to reach out to the faith community to do a formula drive
- The group discussed the infant nutrition crisis in Clark County. WIC was intended to be supplemental. -
- Urgent Concern: Infants have been fed unsafe foods because parents have nothing else to feed.

Barriers:

-WIC is maxed out and there are lengthy delays to being seen. There is an **urgent need for lactation support** before delivery, at the time of initiation and for the critical first 10 days after delivery and beyond.

-Recommendations:

*Identify all available lactation support providers and develop a resource database. Start Strong has the ability to add this to the resource page on the website.

*Eliminate barriers for providers to be able to serve and to rapidly train more. 1.) Identify a trainer 2.) Identify people willing to be trained 3.) Incentivize training

* Develop education and information to be shared on social media and more. There is an urgent education need for accurate understanding of expected milk volume and for instruction on how to hand express (no equipment necessary and more effective than breast pumps).

-Re-establish LeLeche league in Clark County.

[] All members, please collect contact information for any doulas in Clark County and email to AnnMarie