

Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic/ Presenter	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Attendance	Elise Brown (Mercy Birthing Center), Jessica Jamiz (FYI), Marcy Ivory (Mercy REACH), Karen Gilbert (Mercy Lactation), Gina Burke (FCFC), AnnMarie Schmersal (CCHD), Lori Lambert (CCHD- EC), Isabel Hysing (CCHD WIC), Rani Masser (PRC), Robert McKinney (PRC), Kim Wise (CCHD), Kris Tinklenbery (RHCHC), Vicki White (RHCHC), Caroline Quelette (CCHD), Vince Carter (CCHD), Kali Lawrence (Springfield Promise), Carolyn Young (Mercy), Rochelle Smith (Caresource), Nuris Tapia (Ethiotss), Krizia Melendez (Humana/ MCO), Nina Jackson (Humana), Conelene Fontilus (Ethiotss), Ashley Eaton (RHCHC), Joy Rogers (CHF), Neybe Duque (Ethiotss),	
Meeting start and stop time	3:00pm- 4:02pm	
Mission and Vision and centering moment	3:00-3:05 AnnMarie Schmersal	
Introductions	3:05-3:15 Brief roundtable introductions, announcements and updates Robert McKinney shared updates from the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood meeting including the 9/17/26 Father's Walk where Dads are encouraged to walk / take their children to school.	
Safe Sleep Updates	3:15-3:30 Lori Lambert provided Infant Safe Sleep updates. October is Safe Sleep Month. Cribs for Kids has transitioned to "Every Baby Sleeps Safe" Unsafe sleep continues to be a driver of infant mortality and is among a leading cause of death of children under 18. Often there is a mix of risk factors associated with the death. There are ways to mitigate the risks like encouraging families to practice safe sleep recommendations for every sleep.	See attached slides

	By sharing what we know, we are all important ambassadors of safe sleep. Some insurance plans include a crib as a VAB (Value Added Benefit). There was discussion about whether there would be a possibility for insurance plans to reimburse hospitals and other organizations who are providing the resources.	
Birth Center Updates	3:30- 3:45 Elise Brown shared Mercy Birth Center updates. 1282 deliveries to date. 317 circumcisions. 142 special care admissions. Adding a hydrotherapy tub and additional homeopathic supplies. Actively recruiting OB providers. Continue to offer childbirth and breastfeeding classes. Rooming in is becoming the standard in care. Renovations to birth center have occurred. Safe sleep display remains in place. Pursuing renewal of safe sleep certification. Doula support continues. Mercy REACH has been having an increase in referrals arrive. Birth Center lactation initiation rate is up from 17% to 38.5% with a goal of 50% Senior interpreter who speaks Haitian Creole is trained to as a care navigator. Patients have been very receptive to his assistance with learning how to set up pack n plays. Marcy Ivory shared a success story of receiving a referral and cross sector referral across various organizations (PRC to Mercy REAHC to FYI) and how this cross referral/ community connectivity helped this mother achieve success in smoking cessation and meeting her other needs.	
BF/ Safe Sleep Subcommittee Updates	3:45-4:00 Karen Gilbert, Kris Tinklenberg, Carolyn Young, Lori Lambert, Jessica Jamiez, Isabel Hysing, Rani Masser, et.al Karen Gilbert is providing lactation training for OB offices with a goal of consistent breastfeeding across health care continuum. She is also seeing outpatient referrals. BF support group continues, online attendance has been consistent. Participants send messages/ ask questions via the Facebook group. In person attendance declining over recent months. Mercy is on the 2nd phase of the breastfeeding grant.	

	Mercy has 5 additional CLC education spots. Increase from 3 to 30 Birthing Center nurses now are CLCs!	
Group discussion	As time allows	