



## March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Meeting minutes

**Attendees:** Sara Shields, Cathy Violette, Alexis Travis, Megan Denubila, Christina Gebel, Heidi Leftwich, Beth Viertze, Mary Anne Mackusick, Pattie Pichette, Tina Grosowsky, Tasmia, Hydery, Healthier Alker, Kerri McCleary, Jennifer Moffitt, Amy Robinson, Ireliis Rivera, Stephen Sycks, and Casandra Santos.

## Subcommittee Reports

### Communication

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\*Christina talks about website and talks about smart phone. Meeting minutes are up, dates of meetings are up as well (edits will be done).

Baby box updated.

Donate button works (United Way) have not really advertised it as we do not have a project the funds would go to.

Physical address (March of Dimes)

Who to place on the Collaborative website

Does anyone have a list of things that they would like to see on the website?

Adding the F symbol to the page – Issue with images.

Sara- acknowledges Heather Lynn Haley (taking pictures for the website)

Casandra Santos introduces herself

Alexis Travis -2017 city council report

It has been two years since the last city report by WHBC

### Restructuring Committee

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Operating principles- looked through other operating principles and took what would work for WHBC. We would be facilitated by chair and vice chair different options for participation

Members who would be active participants but not chairs

Open to community however no requirement which could prevent public from being part of WHBC.

*Question was asked if we wanted % representatives from communities where infant mortality is distortional?*



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Have a membership form.

Encourage people to work on a subcommittee.

Sara and Cathy are writing down what their jobs are as Chair and Vice-Chair

*Question from Tasmania about applying for nonprofit status (if the operating principles) is what the government is looking for?*

Response- we have the ability through the united way at the moment whether or not we apply for nonprofit status that is something that we needed roles spelled out.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> nonprofit incorporated workshop

- ❖ 2001 which local organizations will be represented in WHBC (spell it out with a letter of memorandum)

## **Baby Box**

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### **Project proposal**

18, 500 dollars – Scale up program want to reach out to 500 families

Budget breakdown.

Karina Wallace- grass roots program- Young Parent Hope (provide teen mothers with supplies)

Collects donations and had a good connection with the Hispanic community.

Summer community service awards- work on distribution

Grant to supplement additional supplies such as bed sheet

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 meeting at the state house about bills – discussion of Universal distribution of baby boxes in Massachusetts- Legislature O'Connor sponsoring it from the senate and rep sponsoring from the house side

Founder of baby box spoke

*Questions asked Hyannis- where do they get their funding?*

Liability issues holding up the distribution of boxes. Hopefully the state will take care of the liability (once it is passed)

**Question asked Legislation agreements?** Would that make liability forms disappear if the states took over? Not entirely.

Trying to figure out an agreement with a hospital still does not know what that would look like.

Pre and Post survey and Video then a follow-up with mothers

Distribution days- training

Getting different languages and in paper format so that mothers who don't have access will still get the information



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Asked the room if they know of any company that would be willing to donate

### **Data**

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A show of slides from the CDC

Statistics - no real change  
(Added Heidi to this team)

Break down by decades  
Causes/ indicator of prematurity  
Data given to Heather over the phone  
All provisional data - no one wants to talk to them about the information

IRB long term project to look at cause of death

Sara on behalf of WHBC wrote a letter in support of FIMR legislation – informed the room there was not time to ask the general members.

### **Goals**

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Advocacy for data collection

We are three years ahead for our local data

Could we be able to contact the families to get more data from them?

Are hospitals willing to get into agreement to collect information from families?

FIMR has a connection with families that WHBC does not have

- Deeper diving for community resources

### **Grants**

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Fallon grant (maybe for 2019) not enough time or could be a learning process. (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Nick Littlefield – not sure we are at the place to use the Littlefield funds now, maybe focus on the data portion

- ❖ Heidi and Christina will work on Grant



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### **Mission statement**

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Megan explained difference between disparities and inequalities

\* Changes made attached document

### **Announcements**

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*Next Summit Date*

2018 Meeting Schedule

September Date will be the 7<sup>th</sup>

June Meeting possible theme - smoking Summit

March of Dimes-On the green space

Up pleasant up elm- 3 miles

Festival theme at the end

T-Shirts- one color (if we raise \$100 per person we get one from March of Dimes)

Amy and Anne will help coordinate

Women's Health Summit

Table with WDPH

June 16th