

**Local agency Breastfeeding Coordinators Meeting Summary  
May 21, 2021**

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**12:00-3:00pm**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Actions/Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>
12:00pm-12:05pm	Welcome and Introductions	Quick hellos and any updates	ML/LG
12:05pm -12:15pm	Open Discussion re: April summary/WBW plans	WBW theme- Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility. <a href="https://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/">https://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/</a> Some agencies shared preliminary plans. New Britain/Bristol considering combining this event with FM distributions or at Farmers' Markets. New Haven is planning for a late August event, building on last year's success. TVCCA is thinking about some ways to recognize BF moms. Clarified BFPC funds and NSA allowable costs for incentive items. BFPC funds cannot be used for incentive items for participants but can be used for staff only wearing, using, and/or promoting breastfeeding/breastfeeding peer counselling. NSA funds can be used for small incentive items, but the item must be of nominal value and follow allowable cost guidance.	All
12:15pm-12:45pm	Review Guidelines for Breastfeeding Promotion and Support	Briefly reviewed the draft Guidelines, pointing out updates to new resources and web links. Lori reviewed the new Peer Counseling section in detail. After the meeting, issued WIC Numbered Memo 21-017 WIC Breastfeeding Updates which transmitted Guidelines, Peer Counseling. Orientation/Competency Checklist and outlined post-pandemic expectations and flexibility for peer counselors and telework. Also attached to memo, list of Dr. Hale Medications and Mothers Milk users. Lori has since verified the log in and passwords for local	ML/LG

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12:45pm-1:15pm	Content Sheets	<p>agency users again. Please see attached list for further updates to the Dr. Hale subscription. Contact Lori and cc Marilyn if you have problems and CANNOT log on.</p> <p>Emphasis on revitalizing and maintaining outreach and community connections post-pandemic, specifically re-connecting with hospital lactation consultants as we have been told that these relationships may have been less frequent during the pandemic. Many participants might join hospital support groups more regularly if they are virtual. Nice option to offer for appropriate participants.</p>	Group leads  All
1:15pm-3:00pm	Content Sheet breakouts	<p>Status updates and sent out drafts for group review on 5/28. Send comments by June 11<sup>th</sup> to Building and Maintaining a Milk Supply- Erica Previti <a href="mailto:erica.previti@midhosp.org">erica.previti@midhosp.org</a> Pumping for Separation-Return to Work or School- Dana <a href="mailto:dlamontagne@meridenct.gov">dlamontagne@meridenct.gov</a></p> <p>Other groups please send WORD version with Track Changes to Marilyn and Lori when you are done with editing. Goal to begin review on final 3 in July, with and final updates for August.</p> <p><b>At next meeting, discuss volunteers for new content sheet Exclusive Pumping</b></p>	

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**With uncertainty of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to meet virtually for 1 hour. However, we have allotted 3 hours of time so local agencies can work on breastfeeding related projects or in case we are able to meet in person or need this time for training. Please plan schedules and budgets accordingly. If we cancel a meeting, please use the scheduled meeting time work on breastfeeding coordinator related duties.**

**2021**

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| ○ Friday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>      | 12:00-3:00pm | Teams Meeting |
| ○ Friday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>      | 12:00-3:00pm | Teams Meeting |
| ○ August- NO meeting                 |              |               |
| ○ Friday, September 24 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00-3:00pm | Teams Meeting |
| ○ Friday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 12:00-3:00pm | Teams Meeting |
| ○ November/December                  | TBD          |               |