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| **MINUTES**North Carolina Breastfeeding CoalitionSunday, May 21, 2017 from 1:30 - 4:00 PMCoastline Convention Center501 Nutt StreetWilmington, NC 28401**Vision:**  Ensure that early, exclusive and continued breastfeeding will be the norm in North Carolina.**Mission:** The mission of the North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition is to promote, protect and support breastfeeding through a cooperative network of individuals, coalitions, agencies and organizations. |
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|  ***\*\*Note—In an effort not to use email addresses in our minutes at the advice of our website administrator, ‘@’ in email addresses has been replaced with ‘–at— ‘***  |

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| **Upcoming Conferences:****3rd Annual NCLCA Breastfeeding Summit: May 21-22, 2017 (Sun evening-Mon) in Wilmington** **Maternal and Infant Best Practices in 2017: June 8, 2017 in Winston-Salem (original location) and live video conferencing available in Greenville, Elizabeth City, Asheville, Wilmington, and Raleigh.** For more information go to**Art of Breastfeeding**ILCA has webinars at <http://www.ilca.org/>USLCA has webinars at <http://uslca.org/>US Breastfeeding Committee bimonthly webinars are the 2nd Tuesday of even months. For more information, go to <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/Coalitions/CDCUSBCBiMonthlyTeleconferences/tabid/76/Default.aspx>\*To post conferences on the Triangle Breastfeeding Alliance website - either enter them under the email form under the tab “Contact us” on the [www.nctba.org](http://www.nctba.org) site or email web manager Rebekkah Simon personally at rebekkah.simon-at-echomarket.com   |
| **Discussion Leader** | **Topic of Discussion** | **Important Highlights of Discussion/Comments/Progress****Next Actions** |
| Kathy Parry | Welcome and IntroductionsMission Moment | ACTIONS/Welcome* Vision and Mission of NCBC shared
* NCBC is the state local coalition for the US Breastfeeding Committee (National level)
* Meetings occur across the state within the 6 perinatal regions as we proceed with “Year of Growth”
* Eco-Cycle (4 phases of collaborative work) – Exploration, Development, Maturity and Creative Destruction. Model to be used to evaluate NCBC projects and expenditures.
* NCBC will be establishing core values by end of 2017 for 2018 and beyond.
* Minutes from March 8, 2017 approved (Rebecca Costello made motion to accept and Cynthia Boulay seconded)
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| **Attended In-Person:** Rhonda Argenbright (Secretary), Lisa Baker (Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator), Janna Blue, Jaimie Brieger, Cynthia Boulay, Ellen Chetwynd (Co-Chair of NCLCA and Chair-Elect of NCBC), Rebecca Costello, Destiny Davis, Rachel Davis, Laurie Digando, Anna Kathryn Edmondson, Norma Escobar, Laurie Gaudino, Angela Ferry Kimberly Garner, Audrey Hammonds, Audrey Hammons, Courtney Hubble, Daina Huntley, Hope Lima, Angela Malloy, Tomi Meachum, Emily Ermillia Medina-Stoops, Kelly Modley, Anitha Muddana, Allison Norton, Kathy Parry (Chair), Savannah Presley, Carmen Rameriz, Judy Reeger, Nancy Register, Olivia Rice, Abigail Sanders, Laura Smith, Paige Smith, Anna Thadani, Brandea Watts, Kimberly Wells, and Jess Zeffiro**Phone Participants:**  None |
| Kathy Parry | Perinatal Map Activity | NEXT ACTIONS: Perinatal Map Activity* We will continue our Year of Listening with 2017 Year of Growth. Be ready to discuss your perinatal region’s key informants for breastfeeding support when NCBC meets near you.
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| **Perinatal Map Activity (The Year of Listening into the Year of Growth):**NCBC has collected information from regions to determine what is happening and needs for each perinatal region to help with strategic planning by the board focusing on networking and collaboration. Folks within a regional area can use this information to work on projects together. All kinds of resources (human and material) including online resources have been identified. The goal was to compile this data and eventually post on the NCBC website. Key questions addressed were: 1) What resources are available in the area? 2) What is lacking? 3) Who are the touchpoints/ key persons in your area? 4) What is needed? **Updates:** Kathy shared mapping of 2013 data. Ellen shared there will be a breakout session tomorrow based on regions to discuss report findings and plan future goals/activities including a means to communicate with NCBC. This meetings perinatal breakout activity is being held at tomorrow’s Summit.  |
| Kathy Parry | **Today’s Activity:** Development of Core Values for NCBC (2017) | NEXT ACTIONS: NCBC Core Values* NCBC Board will use to develop core values
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| NCBC Core ValuesKathy guided the group in activity using text messaging to gather feedback from group … “What inspires you to be a breastfeeding advocate?” Individuals broke into small groups and recommended core values NCBC should have. Post-its of values were placed on poster boards. |
|  Katie Wouk | Treasurer’s Report | NEXT ACTIONS: Treasurer’s Report* Treasurer report approved
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| **Treasurer’s Report:****Total Income**: **$ 1065.17** Membership dues =$ 565.17; donation from the Kenons for NCLCA sponsored conference diversity scholarship = $500.00**Total Queen City Cocoa BEANS Income: $ 1730.00** (from Network for Good campaign – pink hats)**Total General Disbursements**: **$** **2291.41** ($500.00 for 2 NCBC Mini Grants, $1000.00 for 2 IBCLC Scholarships, $352.83 to Racheal Hoaglan for time and postage for Golden Bow plaques, and $438.58 for NCBC Banners)**Balance available for General Disbursements (5/17/17): $ 9078.26** |
| Laura Sinai | Membership | NEXT ACTIONS: Membership* Members may join at any time during the calendar year ($20.00 for NCBC membership, $5.00 for NCLCA membership and $5.00 for QC Cocoa BEANS); payments may be made through PayPal or mailed directly to Laura Sinai.
* Membership is open to everyone (no credentials required); members have voting privileges.
* 5 Organizational membership levels are available. One designated organization member is automatically a member of NCBC, NCLCA and QC Cocoa BEANS. All other people in that organization can join NCBC at half price, but will have to pay full $5.00 for NCLCA and $5.00 for QC Cocoa BEANS. Forms can be downloaded from NCBC website.
* If anyone has trouble logging into the website or needs to check membership standing, contact NCBCMembership-at-gmail.com
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| **Membership Report:****Renewing Members:**MarchSophie Szymeczek; NCLCA; QC Cocoa BeansLaura Smith; NCLCAKaren Horner; NCLCAAprilBonnie MooreAngela Hilliard; NCLCAMaryAnn Joseph; NCLCANatalia SmithMayLeslie Stern LIFETIME member (which includes NCLCA and QC Cocoa Beans)**New Members:**MarchAshley Natad; NCLCAAnitha Muddana; NCLCASarah Austin; NCLCA, QC Cocoa BeansAprilAnna EdmunsonBrandea Watts; QC Cocoa BeansNitaya Reyes Mackey; NCLCA, QC Cocoa BeansCaitlin James NCLCA**Total 2017 NCBC members: 78** (7 Lifetime members)**NC Lactation Consultant Association 2017 Members: 60**Open to non-IBCLC; one must join NCBC to join NCLCA. (1 LCERP webinar and group discount memberships are benefits)**QC Cocoa BEANS 2017 Members: 34****Organizational Memberships**: **1****\*Note: If you join in the final quarter of 2017 then you are a member for the full calendar year 2018.****Reminder that membership January to December; only if you join after October will it roll over to next year.****NCBC fb page**: have over 1470 likes.**Follow us on Twitter: @NCBreastfeeding** |
| Kathy Parry | Leadership Transitions for 2017 | NEXT ACTION: Leadership Transitions* **Secretary and Treasurer will transition for 2018; be thinking about the December 2017 slate**
* NCLCA leadership will be in transition – please contact Ellen or Catherine with ideas, thoughts, or interest moving forward in leadership position of NCLCA
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| **Leadership Transitions Updates:**Chair–elect for 2017-2018 is Ellen ChetwyndDecember 2017 slate for 2018 Treasurer/Secretary Restructuring of 3 Award Committees: Award committees have been restructured to be more in line with a regional focus: chair, assistant chair, area coordinator/liaison, friend of the committee; terms are for 6 months.  |
| Kathy Parry | Golden Bow Award | NEXT ACTIONS: Golden Bow Awards (ban the bags in hospitals)* If you work at or with one of the hospitals that have not banned the bags and can help us get in contact with the correct representative please let Krista know (kcslough-at-gmail.com)
* Let Hope Lima, Krista Ung, or Jennifer Corbin know about any hospitals which have received the Golden Bow award and are not in compliance. ( jmosscorbin-at-icloud.com, hklima-at-ncsu.edu)
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| **Golden Bow Award Report:** **Purpose:** To stop the distribution of formula discharge bags and to recognize healthcare facilities which do not give out formula samples. Applications are accepted twice a year. Collaborating with Public Citizen’s (Krista Strader). Updated mapping reveals 89 % of live births occur at birthing facilities that have banned the bags. There have been hospitals that have received stars for banning the bags but have not received the Golden Bow award from NCBC. National registration (National Registry for Ban the Bags) needs to be done in addition to receiving an NCBC Golden Bow award. NCBC would like for NC to reach 100% participation as 5 states have achieved this status. Applications may be submitted in **February 1st and July 1st**.**Updates:** The new direction of this committee is for there to be local Hospital Liaisons to provide assistance and encouragement to those last remaining facilities which have not yet banned the bags. There are numerous resources to help this effort, and the Chair of the committee will guide the local Hospital Liaisons. CGBI has updated the current list of hospitals and NCBC’s most recent outreach effort with Public Citizen. There are less than 30 facilities remaining, and close to 10 of those have banned the bags but haven’t applied for our award. If you are interested in being a *Golden Bow Hospital Liaison*, or a Friend of the Golden Bow Award to stay involved, please go [online](http://ncbfc.org/volunteer-opportunities/) for more details about volunteer opportunities. Mapping was shared. Kathy showed which facilities in Region V have not banned the bags, or have not applied for our award. Region 3 has banned bags in all hospitals but one birthing center. Scotland does not deliver babies, according to one participant. Kathy will follow up.**Needs:** Hope Lima will be leading the 2nd half of year. Area liaisons are needed to help with hospitals who have not banned the bag. Friends of the committee are also needed; these are individuals interested in project progress, but may not have a lot of time to devote to actions. |
| Hope Lima | Business Case Award | NEXT ACTIONS: Business Case* Distribute cards to local businesses
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|  **Business Case for Breastfeeding:****Purpose:** NCBC recognizes local companies that support breastfeeding families. In doing this, we distinguish between “Breastfeeding-Friendly Businesses” and “Breastfeeding-Friendly Workplaces”. Breastfeeding Friendly Businesses are businesses that welcome breastfeeding mothers as customers. This can be as simple as treating breastfeeding mothers well, never asking them to leave, cover up, or move. Businesses that have been granted the Breastfeeding-Friendly Business Award can proudly display the Breastfeeding-Friendly window cling. Breastfeeding-Friendly Workplaces are workplaces that have made accommodations to support breastfeeding mothers as employees. This can be as simple as allowing employees to have flexible breaks and access to a private room for expressing milk or nursing. The room needs to have a comfortable chair and a lock on the door. Plaques are awarded to businesses who meet application qualifications. Awards (plaque and window sticker) are presented twice per year (January and August).  **February 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017** are dates for submitting applications. Award winners are also listed on the website. Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/NCBCbiz>**.** Business cards are available to use when speaking to businesses. **Updates:** Cristina Botero and Hope Lima have been working with the DPH to set up Webinars on the Business Case - the first one was on May 11 (Helping Mothers- online access for 30 days) and the second will be May 31 (Employer support). There was a blast to the listserv about these webinars - but if you did not receive the info and would like to attend you can contact Hope Lima (hklima@ncsu.edu). NCBC Chair (Kathy) moderated these webinars and provided introductory NC specific topics before introducing Cathy Carothers. In-person training for business case to be worked on with Leslie at DPH.Several in-person business awards were presented this spring. Kathy reviewed application/award process.Carrboro/Chapel Hill Breastfeeding Friendly Community efforts continue.Guilford County is continuing to reach out to businesses for this award (child care centers, parks and recreation, and medical practices).**Needs:** Christina Botero will be heading project the 2nd half of year. Co-chair is needed. |
| Kathy Parry | Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Friendly Outpatient Clinic Award | NEXT ACTIONS: Mother/Baby Breastfeeding Friendly Outpatient Healthcare Clinic Award* Encouraged qualified offices/clinics to apply; **next evaluation will be July 1st**
* If interested in being an application reviewer, please email Kathy Parry kathyparry-at-unc.edu
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| **Mother/Baby Breastfeeding Friendly Outpatient Healthcare Clinic Award:****Purpose:** On October 8, 2014, the North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition launched the **“Mother-Baby Friendly Clinic Awards Program”** now called **“Mother Baby Breastfeeding Friendly Outpatient Healthcare Clinic Award”.**  Awardees will represent the best our state has to offer in terms of support for the breastfeeding family.  Members of our communities can look to NCBC’s list of awardees to know to whom they can turn for evidence-based, high-quality breastfeeding support. The award is open to any outpatient medical clinic serving pregnant and postpartum women, infants and/or children in North Carolina.  Applicants may include Health Departments, Family Medicine, Pediatric, Obstetric, Midwifery, or other types of clinics serving these populations. Criteria for the award are very closely based on the “[Baby-Friendly USA Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria,” and the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine’s “](https://www.babyfriendlyusa.org/get-started/the-guidelines-evaluation-criteria)[Clinical Protocol #14: Breastfeeding-Friendly Physician’s Office: Optimizing Care for Infants and Children.”  As such, the act of reviewing criteria is, in and of itself, an opportunity to identify evidence-based best practices for the care of pregnant and/or post-partum women and children.](http://www.bfmed.org/Media/Files/Protocols/Protocol_14_revised_2013.pdf)This award was funded through the Continuity of Care Connections Grant. Applications are available on the NCBC webpage. **Application deadlines for 2017 are February 1st and July 1st.****Updates:**  If you are interested in becoming Mother-Baby Clinic Area Liaison for your area, or a Friend of the Mother-Baby Clinic Award to stay involved, please go [online](http://ncbfc.org/volunteer-opportunities/) for more details about volunteer opportunities. **New Awardees:** Carteret OBGYN in Morehead City, Coastal Pediatrics in Elizabeth City, Outer Banks Women’s Care in Nags Head, and Vidant Women’s Care in Washington**Needs:** Area Liaisons to work with Chair on outreach plans, etc. (Diane Brandi Nations Region I; Sara Lester Region V). Friends of the committee for discussion (Gina Rose, Natalia Smith) |
| Rhonda Argenbright/ Jam Gourley/ Phyllis Kombol | IBCLC Scholarships | NEXT ACTIONS: IBCLC Exam Scholarships* Explore feasibility of offering scholarship for 2018 Exam. Application window for April 2018 is September 1, 2017 – November 15, 2017.
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| **IBCLC Exam Scholarships Report:****Purpose:** This is a financial scholarship. Currently there are 3 categories: 1) first time sitter, 2) first time sitter of color, and 3) first time sitter of underserved areas. The application includes their involvement in NCBC. The subcommittee makes recommendations of persons and amounts to the board for a final decision. There will be yearly evaluation of whether to offer this scholarship. Employer compensation is non-eligible.**Updates:** There were 5 applications were submitted for October 2017 exam scholarships. Two applicants were selected and received $500.00 each. **Congratulations Hope Lima and Brandi Nations!**  |
| April Fogelman/Rhonda Argenbright/Ellen Chetwynd | NCBC Mini-Grant | NEXT ACTIONS: NCBC Mini-Grant* Are you interested in serving on this subcommittee? Tell Ellen Chetwynd!
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| **NCBC Mini-Grant Report:****Purpose:** The North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition offers mini-grants to organizations that endeavor to protect, promote and support breastfeeding amongdiverse and underserved populations in NC. Mini-grants are offered upon requests as funding allows. **Updates:**  There was a total of $500.00 awarded this year; 2 mini grants were awarded: Chapel Hill-Carrbaro Breastfeeding Family Friendly CommunityProject and Carteret Healthcare Breastfeeding Educator Course.  |
| Kathy Parry | Website and Local Coalitions | NEXT ACTION: Website and Local Coalitions* Is your local group listed on our website?
* How could our website serve your work better?
* Can post job opportunities.
* Hklima-at-ncsu.edu or kathyparry-at-unc.edu
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| **Website and Local Coalitions*:*****Purpose: Purpose:** To enhance communications among advocates of breastfeeding in North Carolina via online information and sharing.**Update:** There are some issues when accessing by phone; there is work being done on determining which app will correct issues. Join us on social media: Facebook and Twitter. |
| Kathy Parry | ZipMilk.org | NEXT ACTIONS: Zipmilk* IBCLC(s) please add your information and encourage others in your area to do so
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| **Zipmilk Report:****Purpose**: This link is for mothers and providers to use to find lactation support within their community. Listings are based on zip codes. Providers of lactation care are encouraged to list their information. This is owned by Mass. Breastfeeding Coalition. **Updates:** We have a new ZIP MILK banner!! Hope reported there will be a QA to determine if all listed IBCLC(s) on Zipmilk are still active. Planning to do this by summer.  |
| Kathleen Anderson | Parent Advocacy Update | NEXT ACTIONS: Parent Advocacy* Please e-mail Kathleen regarding parent breastfeeding focus advocacy groups in your areas at lecusanderson-at-gmail.com
* Please help to publicize the breastfeeding support groups in NC; submit support group information to hklima-at-ncsu.edu or kathyparry-at-unc.edu so it can be added to NCBC webpage
* Breastfeeding USA website ([breastfeedingusa.org](http://breastfeedingusa.org))
* La Leche League: <http://www.wp.lllofnc.com/index.php/local-groups/>
* Nursing Mothers of Raleigh website (<http://www.nursingmothersofraleigh.org/>)
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| **Parent Advocacy Report:****Purpose:** The Parent Advocacy/Support Committee fosters awareness of breastfeeding support groups and initiatives in North Carolina that promote and protect the breastfeeding needs of families in NC, and shares updates about current activities.**Breastfeeding USA**: is a low-cost training program that provides comprehensive, evidence-based breastfeeding support information with a strong focus on good counseling skills. Breastfeeding USA Counselors can accrue contact hours for IBCLC exam eligibility for every year of volunteer service, just like La Leche League Leaders and other mother support volunteers. **Updates:**  There are 7 chapters. There are seven chapters in North Carolina. Find out more on the Breastfeeding USA website: <https://breastfeedingusa.org/content/breastfeeding-counselor-locations> **La Leche League of North Carolina**: La Leche League provides free mother-to-mother support through monthly meetings and one-to-one support. Groups holding monthly meetings may be found at <http://www.lllofnc.org/LocalGroups.html>. During these meeting, Leaders meet the breastfeeding needs of the participants and answer questions they bring to the meeting; there also are four discussion topics that are rotated (one each month for four months). In addition, Breastfeeding Cafes take place in a number of locations. The format of the Breastfeeding Café is less structured, with no specific discussion topic.**Updates:** There were 20 new Leaders accredited in NC in 2016. Leche League of North Carolina announces the 2017 Breastfeeding and Parenting Conference, *Breastfeeding: Giving Our Children Roots and Wings*. The conference will take place at the  [Winston-Salem Marriott](http://www.lllofnc.org/events/2017-area-conference/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), 425 North Cherry Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, October 6 to 8, 2017. Email acc@lllofnc.org with any questions or inquires.   Join LLL of NC on Facebook for the latest Conference updates: [https://www.facebook. com/LLLofNCAreaConference](https://www.facebook.com/LLLofNCAreaConference)or sign up for conference email updates at the LLL of NC website: [http://www.lllofnc.or g/events/2017conference/](http://www.lllofnc.org/events/2017conference/)  For more information about the LLL of NC Groups and Leaders, please check out the website at: <http://www.lllofnc.org/localgroups/> for more information.**Nursing Mothers of Raleigh**: Nursing Mothers of Raleigh continues to offer twice monthly free support group meetings plus one night each month Breastfeeding 101 classes at Babies R Us. Check out their website for meeting times and location: <http://www.nursingmothersofraleigh.org/> **Updates:** Nursing Mothers of Raleigh is launching a new website and mobile app in the next few weeks.**Triangle Breastfeeding Alliance:**The 15th Annual Triangle Breastfeeding Alliance Conference: *When The Going Gets Tough . . .the Tough Collaborate*took place on Thursday, April 20th at the William F Andrews Center in Raleigh.  It was a successful conference with over 130 participants(!); 14 organizations exhibits and 2 research poster presentations; the showcase of a new power point presentation: *Breastfeeding in Public in NC - It's Legal!* developed by Kim Richey, an IBCLC at Cone Health Women's Hospital in Greensboro; and networking. |
| Ellen Chetwynd/ Catherine Sullivan | NC Lactation Consultant Association | NEXT ACTIONS: NCLCA* Contact Ellen or Catherine if you would like to help with presentation and proposal selection for the NCLCA Summit.
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| **NCLCA Report:**Mission: As the state affiliate of the United States Lactation Consultant Association our mission is to sustain and advance International Board Certified Lactation Consultants of North Carolina through advocacy, networking, leadership, research, and professional development.Vision: The IBCLC is a valued and recognized member of the health care team.**Updates:****NCLCA Summit** **Updates:** See you all tomorrow!**Medicaid Coverage****Updates:** NC Division of Medical Association to put the Medical Lactation Therapy policy out for another round of comments. NCBC and NCLCA put in a joint response to the policy. There was some wording around WIC services that we wanted them to clarify. They also changed the billing code they were thinking about using temporarily, so we are back to standard E/M codes.  |
|  Rachel Davis/ Daina Huntley | Queen City Cocoa B.E.A.N.S. | NEXT ACTIONS: Queen City Cocoa B.E.A.N.S. * Contact for organization is Karyn Paul at Mrs.kapa-at-yahoo.com
* Gmail:qccocoabeans-at-gmail.com
* <http://ncbfc.org/qc-cocoa-b-e-a-n-s/>
* FB page: Charlotte Chapter Cocoa Beans
* Membership is $ 5.00 in addition to an NCBC membership
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|  **Queen City Cocoa B.E.A.N.S Report:** **Purpose:** Queen City Cocoa B.E.A.N.S. is a collaborative organization with NCBC committed to creating opportunities to advance breastfeeding education, advocacy, normalcy, and support among minority communities in the Charlotte and surrounding areas of North Carolina. They are local resource for woman of color within NC. There is a monthly breastfeeding support group, Cocoa Beans Cafe, meets the last Monday of each month from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at Baby + Co 131 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207. They serve as support for woman of color in NC and as a goal would like to organize other CB groups in NC.**Updates:** * Charlotte Community Baby Shower- April 8, 2017; had help from Davidson student volunteers.
* Cafes- Now offering diapers and refreshments; collaborating with ICO4MCH for Union and Charlotte.
* Charlotte: Last Monday of the month 6:30-7:30p
* Union: 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30p; Threw launch party, BFPC Spanish interpreter for Hispanic families, served Moes, raffled a Pack n Play.
* Cabarrus: Trying new locations
* JCSU- Working with Metro marketing department to promote Pathway 2 program
	+ Student liaison: Tarji Caldwell tlcaldwell-at-jcsu.edu (for clinical program) and general questions to Rachel Davis Rachelmdavis715-at-gmail.com
	+ Application Window: May 22- June 30
	+ Didactic Start Date: August 17, 2017
	+ Clinical Start: Spring 2018
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| Grisel Rivera | State Coordinator Report | NEXT ACTIONS: State Coordinator Report* Loving Support Peer Counselor WIC Managers Training in All Perinatal Regions, August 2017
* NCMCBFD application review
* BSCT: Summer 2017 offering
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| **State Coordinator Report:** * **Breastfeeding Unit**
	+ State Breastfeeding Coordinator is Grisel Rivera. Her email address is Grisel.rivera-at-dhhs.n.c.gov
	+ State Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator is Lisa Baker. Her email address is Lisa.baker2-at-dhhs.nc.gov
* **NC Maternity Center Breastfeeding-Friendly Designation:**
	+ Review Committee:
		- 3 Re-applications
		- 1- New application
* **NC Breastfeeding-Friendly Child Care Designation:**
	+ The NC BFCCD Review Committee to Review 6 Child Care Facilities that are applying for additional steps
* **WIC Training Center for Perinatal Region 6 –** Eastern AHEC has picked up grant with Hannah Edens continuing as regional coordinator
* **Loving Support ©Model Through Peer Counseling -** State wide training for peer counselor managers: August 2017
* **Core Trainings and Quarterly trainings/Region Lactation Training Centers**
	+ Core Trainings and Quarterly trainings are ongoing in each Perinatal Region, web page to be updated mid-June
* **The DPH Breastfeeding Unit provides technical assistance to:**
	+ MCH Improving Community Outcomes (ICO4MCH)
	+ Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV): Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative
* **Other:**
* The past Winter 2017 NSB Breastfeeding Supplies Competency Training offered CEUs and CPEUs. We are also tailoring participation to scope of practice, for example, BFPCs cannot issue nipple shields, shells or supplemental feeding devices; therefore, they will not demonstrate those units to their Regional Breastfeeding Coordinator. Since 2012, the state has trained approximately 457 staff to issue breastfeeding supplies to WIC participants.
* NC Lactation Educator Training Program- continue as Faculty and providing Breastfeeding resources to registered students
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| Kathy Parry | United States Breastfeeding Committee Activities | NEXT ACTIONS: USBC Report* CDC-USBC Bimonthly Coalition Webinars are open to everyone. **Next webinar** is (Tuesday) **June 13, 2017** at 2:00-3:00 pm ET
* USBC Weekly News Bulletins (free subscription) can be received through email. You may sign up for these at <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/>. These will be emailed out to listserv by the NCBC Secretary.
* “Like” the USBC Southeastern FB group as well as the NCBC FB page
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| **US Breastfeeding Committee Updates:** * Coalitions Conference August 4– 6, 2017 in Washington. Two slots available for this year as usual to receive travel support from USBC and registration support from NCBC. This is a great opportunity for people interested in future leadership with NCBC. Tell Kathy if interested.
* Day of Advocacy will be Monday (August 7, 2017)
* Catherine Sullivan is a new 2017 board member of USBC (2-year term)
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| Kathy Parry | Adjournment of Official Meeting |  |

**2017 Meetings:**

**August 12th in Asheville**

**October 18th in Greenville**

**December 9th in Charlotte**