

**Harris County Breastfeeding Coalition
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
7-21-05**

A summary report of HCBC activities for the past year was presented and approved. Copies of the DHHS booklet “The CDC Guide to Breastfeeding Interventions” which includes a report on the Ben Taub Breastfeeding Clinic were distributed to those present.

Judy Hopkinson reported that:

The United States Breastfeeding Committee’s (USBC) is considering sponsorship of a nationwide conference for representatives of state breastfeeding coalitions. If funding is approved, the meeting will be held next January.

Formation of a Texas Breastfeeding Coalition Collaborative is underway. Chairs of the Harris County, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and several other community coalitions are working to form a state-wide group.

Plans for World Breastfeeding Month in Houston were discussed.

Additional resources for member organizations were located and Judy Hopkinson was appointed to send a memo to the membership announcing the availability of blankets and badge holders.

Daisy Handal was appointed to consolidate reports of activities from member organizations into a document to be distributed to the membership. This document will also be available for reports and presentations to state-wide groups and to the USBC as needed.

Upcoming Educational programs were approved :

Sept 22 – Edna Kelly, Report on the LLL National Physician’s Conference

Nov 17 (Note: Meeting will be the 3rd Thursday in November rather than the 4th because of Thanksgiving) :

- J Hopkinson will report the results of the CDC sponsored evaluation of the Ben Taub Breastfeeding Clinic

Nominations were received for the following positions for the next 2-year cycle:

Chair: Krystal Revai, M.D.

Co-Chairs: Connie Gaskamp, RN, IBCLC, and Sandra Lopez, IBCLC

Goals for 2006: The Board suggested the following goals for the coming year

- 1) Update the Community Survey of Lactation Support Services
 - a. Sandra Lopez volunteered to contact area service providers

- b. Target date for completion of revisions will be the end of the next fiscal year
- 2) Survey member organizations regarding priorities
- 3) Work with the ad-hoc group for formation of statewide Breastfeeding Coalition Collaborative
- 4) **Establish a formal dues structure for the HCBC** (Input from the membership will be requested before the issue comes to a vote. It was noted that dues structures have been established at other Breastfeeding Coalitions around the state and that these can serve as a model. Money will be used to facilitate participation in statewide and nationwide collaborations, to insure dissemination of information to member organizations, and to facilitate breastfeeding promotion activities in Harris County)
- 5) Revitalize the web site (JH reported on status of technical problems. She will devote time to the web site after relinquishing the Chair)

The need for a newsletter was discussed and will be included as an option in the survey of member priorities.

The next regular meeting of the HCBC will follow the program meeting on Sept 22.