

WALC - Meeting Minutes, Friday September 19 2008

Secretary: Jenny McAllister

Host: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

0930: Introductions and Announcements

“Medications and Mother's Milk” by T. Hale now available from Kathie Russell.

One copy per member free, intended for the member to donate to an interested outside party such as a Pharmacy or Clinic. This can provide an opening for a positive interaction about breastfeeding.

This book is also available for purchase from WALC at the discounted price of \$27.

Email Kathie: jamiekathie@yahoo.com

Nils Bergman, MD will be presenting at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Wauwatosa on Monday October 13, sponsored by Ameda.

“Perinatal Neuroscience, Skin-to-Skin & Breastfeeding”

Register via the web, www.amedaregister.com Event ID: ame59

Winnie shared a letter published in “Milwaukee Journal Sentinel” Sept 19 drawing attention to breastfeeding as an alternative to using plastic baby bottles containing BPA.

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=796510>

PRESENTATIONS: ILCA reports

Marcia Barritt – BF in disasters, new info from Diana West, and Christina Smillie

Cindy Rux – Paula Meier's clinical day

Mary-Jo Reynolds – Taboo topics

Winnie Mading – Sensory integration, -- “Voldemort”.

Business meeting called to order by Pat Gima at 1230

Minutes from last meeting held May 20 were approved

Motion proposed by Kathie Russell and seconded by Donna Bisbee

Treasurer's Report: Kathie reported that we were able to provide \$500 each for our sponsored LC's in Africa to purchase much needed supplies to help them in their work.

Current balance is \$1200, and in the Scholarship fund \$646.

If members know of any person who is in need of assistance in becoming a Lactation Consultant, see the web site for details on eligibility and application form for scholarship.

Announcements and Education Opportunities.

Web site <http://www.health-e-learning.com> Health e-Learning is proud that its **BreastEd series** now is AARC approved. You can enroll in any of the 10 courses in the series at any time, 12 CERPs each.

October 7, Irene Zoppi RN MSN IBCLC, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital in Education Center Auditorium D, "Optimizing Weight gain for Premature and Term Infants" 12.30 to 2p.m. – 1.5cerps AND "The Value of Human Milk for Mothers, Infants and Society" 2.15 – 3.15 – 1.0cerps. Sponsored by Medela. To register email Linda.neuens@medela.com OR phone 800-435-8316 ext 523. Lunch provided starting at 12noon.

October 13, Nils Bergman MD – presenting at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. See above for details.

November 7, Marsha Walker RN IBCLC, will be presenting at the La Leche League of Wisconsin conference in Brookfield. <http://www.lllofwi.org/>

November 18, AWHONN is having a *webinar* with Paula Meier on NICU human milk feedings from 12-1pm. Registration opens in October for the *webinar*. Please go to the AWHONN site for more details.

Future ILCA Conference Dates

July 22-26, 2009

Relating Evidence to Practice: An International Perspective

Orlando, Florida, USA JW Marriot Orlando Grande Lakes

July 21-25, 2010

San Antonio, Texas, USA

JW Marriott (Opening January 2010)..... ILCA's 25th anniversary party

July 13-17, 2011

San Diego, California, USA

Town and Country Resort

July 25-29, 2012

Orlando, Florida, USA
JW Marriot Orlando Grande Lakes

WALC PROGRAMS: Next Meeting November 18 – Green Bay, St Mary’s Hospital Medical Center.

2009 January 16, Friday. St Francis Hospital, Milwaukee.

2009 Conference in Appleton - March 5 & 6

Speakers: *Kathleen Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC* will be speaking about her latest research on Post Partum Depression. <http://www.granitescientific.com>

Kirsten Berggren PhD, CLC will present on “working and breastfeeding” – See her web site <http://www.workandpump.com>

Elizabeth Brooks, JD, IBCLC is an engaging speaker who will present on some ethical aspects for Lactation Consultants.

Members are encouraged to make suggestions for speakers or topics for meetings.

One suggestion was for information from Breastfeeding Coalitions on their goals and action plans. Other suggestions included, more information about using donor milk and establishing mentor programs for IBCLC’s and having a Baby Friendly panel of speakers.

Please contact Donna Bisbee with suggestions. Email donnaibcl@wi.rr.com

Membership: Sandy Testin reported current membership of 153.

Members are encouraged to join the WALC yahoo group and monitor for updates and discussions.

WALC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Association Updates: USLCA representative for WALC is Winnie Mading. USLCA is the United States ILCA affiliate. WALC is a chapter of USLCA. State chapters are requested to select representatives to liason with USLCA to track local legislation and proposed bills, on reimbursement issues, on state licensure, and a contact person to look up current state regulations and weather they are requirements or suggestions.

USLCA is trying to get the name “IBCLC” more widely accepted as the standard, with the goal of greatly reducing the confusion over CLC, CLE, etc and other IBCLC titles.

Political Updates: Anne showed us a letter she had written, published in Nursing Matters in July. There was some background discussion around why the proposed bill for protecting a woman's right to breastfeed her baby anywhere she needs to, was not passed in the last session. Member Leah Vukmir did not support the bill at the committee level. The struggle continues.

See <http://www.lli.org/resources.html>

New Business: Winnie reports that she is compiling a list of favorite analogies to do with breastfeeding, if anyone has any favorites and would like to pass them on, contact Winnie at wmibclc@earthlink.net.

There was some discussion about insurance coverage for rental pumps for parents of NICU infants. There appears to be less coverage available. This is being researched.