

CSMC Minutes
April 20, 2009, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
1473 Brule Ave, Ottawa, near Bank/Riverside

Present: Mary Beatty, Susan Martensen, Julia Driedger, Wendy Huculak, Gina Merlin

Action Alert:

>> The Ottawa Valley Lactation Consultants (OVLC) have written a letter to the Champlain LHIN of concern about the plan for closure of the TOH breastfeeding clinics and the potential implications of this lessened support and care for breastfeeding women and their babies in Ottawa. Any midwives and consumers who feel they could add their concern by writing as well to the LHIN are urged to do so ASAP as the LHIN is doing its strategic planning now.

Thank you.

Bobbi Soderstrom, RM
Midwifery Group of Ottawa
member of the Ottawa Valley Lactation Consultants.

- If anyone would like a sample letter (the one sent by OVLC) sent as an attachment, please let us know at info@midwiferyconsumers.org

1) Midwifery Updates:

a) Annual Midwifery Picnic - Everyone welcome!!!
Sunday June 7th, 11 am - 2 pm, rain or shine
Britannia Park Trolley
Bring your own picnic lunch, cake will be provided.

*****Great news from Teresa***** *'The Collective AND the Prescott-Russell midwives will be participating this year. YAY!!!!'*

This year is another milestone, celebrating 15 years of recognised midwifery!

Many thanks to those of you who have already offered to assist Teresa!!!

Volunteers are needed for:

- extending an invitation to the Montfort to participate, with a table and a display
- creating a big colourful banner (or two, one for each end of the trolley) for midwifery in Ottawa, perhaps with a changeable year number, and perhaps even a slogan like "#of women Served"
- balloons
- face painting
- arranging some traveling musician entertainers or other entertainment
- creating a press release
- writing name tags
- cutting and handing out cake
- etc!!!

Please let us know if you can help Teresa -
info@midwiferyconsumers.org

There is going to be a CSMC table at the picnic. Would any of the volunteers already assisting Teresa be willing to spend part of the picnic at the CSMC display, roughly 30 min?

11 - 11:30 am

11:30 - noon

noon - 12:30 pm

12:30 - 1 pm

1 - 1:30 pm

1:30 - 2 pm

We would need individuals to take turns at the booth and answer questions, hand out pamphlets, put up the display and take it down, etc. etc.

Gina will forward the names of the volunteers from the fundraising committee to help with the picnic (to Leslie). This will ensure that there is someone to sell the buttons and collect money. Gillian Sippert will also send it out to her network to get volunteers to help at the picnic

Sheila will sit and sell onesies at the picnic.

b) Practice updates:

- Donna has contacted each practice for an update (she contacts them 1 week ahead of the meeting and the day before, but does not often receive a response)

MGO – no updates

MCO – no updates

OVM – no updates

PR - Wendy to attend mtg-no updates given

MVM – no updates

StLVM – no updates but the name will be changed on the website to reflect the new name (Gentle Beginnings Midwifery)

LGM – no updates

c) TOH - time to push privileges issue???

" Still four months away from his confirmation as the next president of the Canadian Medical Association, Jeffrey Turnbull is becoming a hero to a new generation of idealistic physicians, preaching a redesigned vision of public health care and a commitment to the poor at home and abroad."

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090407.wlcma07art1833/BNStory/specialScienceandHealth/>

Susan M. Suggested what about getting a Midwifery course in Ottawa to help with privileges? Does anyone know how to do this?

d) From Gina Merlin:

- consumer request for assistance in getting the Leeds-Grenville Public Health website to update its web site to include a more accurate and useful definition of midwifery as a care option. This consumer has tried to have her voice heard on this subject with no result. I think an email from midwifery consumers including an appropriate definition of midwives would be more readily heard and will elicit a response finally on this issue. Even a quick email with the definition as stated on our web site (cut and paste) would be wonderfully helpful.

The website was very focused on doctors (link is:

http://www.healthunit.org/pregnancy/pregnancy/pregnancy_hc_provider.htm). For midwifery it was rather vague.

Joanna Z (from the AOM) said that the AOM would speak to that health unit to discuss a better definition. The consumer who discovered this and addressed the issue did hear back that the website would be updated.

2) Parkdale Park Tulip Festival - Saturday May 9th, 2009 -
volunteers needed!

Consumers Supporting Midwifery Care (CSMC) has been offered a table again this year! This year we plan to have an information booth, with our display, promoting midwifery.

Kathleen Wilker is coordinating volunteers for this wonderful opportunity to promote midwifery. If anyone would like to join her (babies and children are welcome to join you), that would be wonderful!

Please contact info@midwiferyconsumers.org if you can help out at this event! Many thanks!

- so far, there has only been one tentative response (thank you!)...

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!! Please contact Leslie or Kathleen.

3) LHIN? - *Sheila not present so no updates.*

4) Finances (Leslie)

Bank Account balance (as of March 31st, 2009): \$1 750.41

- approx. \$300 owing to Sheila re: onesies

Petty Cash - \$35.18

5 stamps were purchased

Do we have a volunteer willing to assume finances? Our bank is located in Kanata at 700 Eagleson. Dr. Kelly Norman (our second signature on the account) is in Westboro.

5) Info Sessions - posters are available as an attachment, in both English and French, upon request, for our upcoming midwifery care Info session - thanks for sharing this info with your local networks!

Consumers Supporting Midwifery Care
22ND Midwifery Information Session

PREGNANT OR PLANNING TO HAVE CHILDREN?
INTERESTED IN HAVING A MIDWIFE AS YOUR CAREGIVER?
COME AND LEARN ABOUT MIDWIFERY IN A
COMFORTABLE
AND RESPECTFUL SETTING:

MILKFACE NURSINGWEAR
1167 Bank street (ottawa south – SOUTH OF SUNNYSIDE)

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH, 2009

7-8 pm

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Children welcome

Light refreshments

Free parking on the south side of the building

Learn more about Midwifery in a relaxed setting;

Network with others asking the same questions;

Meet and interact with local midwives;

Talk to Families who have had midwives;

Ask your questions and get answers.

Website: www.midwiferyconsumers.org/

Email: Acanas@magma.ca

Telephone: Auramarina or aaron at: 613-824-3598

She needs volunteers for this session (midwives, help setting up/taking down).

Message from Auramarina re: the honorarium they received:

Dear Midwifery Consumers:

On behalf of Aaron, Isabella and I, we would like to thank you for the generous gift certificate to Cora's. It was a really nice surprise to get in the mail. Thank you so very much. We will certainly enjoy it.

Thank you kindly,

Auramarina, Aaron, Isabella

Auramarina and Aaron will be facilitating an info session on Friday May 29th at Earl of March Secondary School in Kanata. It will be for a grade 12 course called 'Individuals and Families in a Diverse Society' in relation to their parenthood unit. This will be their final info session until the fall.

Kathleen Wilker will be speaking at Sir Guy Carleton H.S.

6) Fundraising

a) Annual Midwifery Picnic Fundraiser (Gina) - buttons update - Gina is still looking to get the proper image resolution for the buttons. She is stuck as she does not have what is needed to make the buttons.

It would seem that during the meeting Kevin Driedger was able to get the image to the proper resolution needed and that the problem has been solved.

b) BACN monthly e-mail

Many thanks to our supporters!!!

- Any volunteers to assume coordinating the monthly BACN fundraising?

We want the businesses who support CSMC to put a link back to our website and selling the onesies/buttons. Can someone take this on? Local Business Liaison position or committee.

Targeting the Welcome Wagon?

7) Website:

****We always need updated birth stories for our website.***

Please send to Mary, website coordinator -
mary.beatty@ocdsb.ca

Julie Fairweather has been in touch with Mary Beattie about taking over website for next year.

8) Feedback Committee:

Just a reminder to consumers - if you have any feedback (positive and/or constructive) regarding midwifery care, but would prefer to not contact your midwifery practice with your feedback for whatever reason, you can do so, anonymously at:

CSMCfeedback@gmail.com

Donna and Kathleen, both midwifery consumers, compile the feedback received and then share it with all midwifery practices, anonymously.

9) Next meeting:

- we need to clarify if the meeting is on Tuesday May 19th or on Monday May 25th (on our website it is listed as being on Mon May 25th)...

May 25th is the date.

May 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm --Prescott/Russell Midwives Office-
EAST
2127 St. Joseph Boulevard, Orleans

10) TASKS/JOB/COORDINATOR ROLES, ETC., FOR 2009-2010 CSMC TERM (please consider volunteering - many thanks to those who have already responded!!!):

1) NEED MONTHLY HOSTS FOR MEETINGS - THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH for 2009 -2010 CSMC term

SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER AND MARCH-Kathleen Wilker,
CENTRAL/WEST
OCT, JAN AND APRIL-Mary Beatty, CENTRAL/WEST
NOV, FEB. AND MAY- Jennifer Young (Central East)

Need monthly chair for meetings:

Sept., Dec., March (Central/West):
Oct., Jan., April (Central/West):
Nov., Feb., May: (Central East)

Need someone to take minutes each month:

Sept., Dec., March (Central/West):
Oct., Jan., April (Central/West):
Nov., Feb., May: (Central East)

We need to have some new people volunteer help out!!!

2) WEBSITE COORDINATOR/TEAM:
JUNE 2009-JUNE 2010 Julie F.

3) INFO SESSION COORDINATOR/TEAM:
SEPTEMBER -DECEMBER-2009-[Auramarina and Aaron Sawyer](#)
JANUARY 2010-JUNE 2010-

4) FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - [Michelle S.](#)

5) MIDWIFERY CLINIC CONTACT PERSONS EACH MONTH-
To call each clinic once a month, and to personally invite a
midwife to attend our CSCM meeting and/or to ask for any news
items that are upcoming, etc. that this volunteer contact person
would present at our monthly meetings.

OVM AND MADAWASKA VALLEY-[Kathleen Wilker](#)
COLLECTIVE, MGO AND PRESCOTT-RUSSELL-[Mary Beatty](#)
LGM and ST LVM-

6) LHIN CONSUMER REP-[Sheila McIntyre](#)

7) E-MAIL AND FINANCES-[Leslie Ashton](#)
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8) ONESIES FUNDRAISER-[Sheila McIntyre](#)

9) OTHER:

Julia brought up the concept of what sort of leadership the group has and how to make it clearer how decisions are to be made. Essentially there has been a core number of people who

attend fairly regularly. They give input at the meeting. The minutes get out to the general membership list for input. The people who attend the meetings make the decisions if there is no input from the members at large. So quorum is essentially those who attend the meetings if there is no other input.