**Room: Zoom** **Time: 1:15-2:45 pm**

| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Who/What Decisions, To Dos** |
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| Breast Pump Orders – Bonnie | * Orders were sent last week. A Smartsheet form was sent with Hygeia products only. They are a good substitute for the Medela products. * Medela products are not available for order any longer, but we do have some surplus supplies available through our mailroom. Julia’s email included the Medela products that are still available. Email Bonnie if you want to order some of those that have been sent back to the State. * State WIC has not decided on a single user pump yet. Some agencies have sent their available pump in styles to the State office that others can now use. * Please look at your inventory of products and try to use them up before ordering more. |  |
| Pump Pilot | Participants helped test some pumps:   * Two single user pumps: Medela Max-Flow (the pump-in-style replacement) and the Hygeia Evolve. * Fifteen women tried the pumps and filled out surveys. They liked the Hygeia slightly better, but feedback was very positive for both pumps. * Decision will be made by the end of July. Will probably use all Hygeia products: the Hygeia EnDeare vs Lactina; Evolve vs. Pump-In-Style; and Hygeia one- and two-handed pumps with accessories. * They are new products for participants who will need assistance. Bonnie will set up a remote training for BF & Pump Coordinators on how to use the new pumps, new procedures, and policies, especially for new coordinators. * Will also go over the TWIST screens to track pumps. * Bonnie has been cleaning up the TWIST screens, so users have a more compact list of pumps.   Questions   * **Will there be options of sizes for the pump flanges?** Hygeia will offer a 24mm, and the Medela products, including the 21mm, will fit the Hygeia. * **One participant in the pilot thought the Hygeia pump had too many parts.** Hygeia rep stated that extra parts could be separated out – they were included as a “value added” item. * **Will hospitals stop using Medela?** I don’t know for sure, but that is up to them. Many use the Symphony for the NICU and have also offered the PIS Max-Flow. I have talked with several hospital staff in the Legacy system, and they are unhappy with the PIS Max-Flow – missing parts, break easily according to them. These staff preferred the Spectra which is not available to us. |  |
| Overview of the Linn-Lincoln Co. Breastfeeding Pilot project – Megan Dunn | * Linn County has been meeting with Jessica Lee, Korina Skaff, Julie Reeder, Ary, Florence and Lincoln Co. to begin to discuss the two counties sharing resources. * The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being developed regarding roles. * They are looking at how they are offering services. Julie is providing data regarding what is working for participants, and methods of expansion based on need. * Lincoln County has different needs than Linn Co. Lincoln Co is considering creating a “menu” of services. * The focus on prenatal services and preventative strategies in advance of problems, helping participants focus on their breastfeeding goals, and empowering them around barriers. * Lincoln Co. is discussing how to measure success regarding goals and building other parenting skills. * A timeline is being created to provide to other agencies that become hubs. * The group will meet with a more rural area next week to discuss hub services and distance services with technology. * Questions/comments   + Linn has one peer counselor who is bi-lingual. She will move into a certifier role in the hub setting.   + Equity strategies during implementation are being considered.   + The project is going well with hiring supported by management.   + Harney question: hired peer counselor grant funds.   + Staff for the hubs need to be trained through WIC modules. It is best if they have WIC experience. The goal is to continue the mom-to-mom approach WIC is known for. |  |
| Chest feeding, other new terms – Kelly/Bonnie | * *Motherly* article about “Chestfeeding” term is being used by non-binary, transgender people, instead of breastfeeding. It is an additional term, not a replacement. * LINK to article: <https://www.mother.ly/life/what-is-chestfeeding> * Linn is working to help create supportive, gender-neutral environment related to breastfeeding. * WIC is adding terms, in addition to “mother” such as “parents.” * WIC Health online education: language changes and different, new terms: “human milk” and “breastmilk.” * Such terms will be used in State WIC policies as well. * Spanish terms are also becoming more gender neutral. * The transition from English to other languages using the terms will be gradual. |  |
| Impact of pandemic on Breastfeeding | * Jackson and Josephine are finding that hospitals are not taking time to help families to breastfeed, so the result is more formula is being requested at WIC. * Deschutes is having the same experience. The Local hospital is not renewing their “Baby Friendly” status. They are moving lactation services at the hospital to Redmond. There are areas where getting in-person lactation care requires driving an hour. One lactation consultant has increased her hours in La Pine office. Lots more formula being requested. * Similar reports from other areas are coming in. * Brennan read the limitation of visitors in hospital did help increase breastfeeding at beginning of the pandemic.   + More breastfeeding possibly from families staying at home early in the pandemic. * Bonnie is also hearing that use of medical formula is increasing. * Sabrina (Multnomah) has had moms report that they had a decreased milk supply after being vaccinated possibly for a month. No research has been published regarding this. It seems to go back up after the second vaccination. * Jackson and Josephine are the most under-vaccinated counties in the state currently. Misinformation has been circulating and may be affecting mom’s decisions about breastfeeding due to COVID fears and vaccinations.   + There are more Alimentum requests coming through Christine Shepherd’s desk daily and was rare before the pandemic.   + A lot of moms are not getting vaccinated and not wanting to breastfeed. * Tillamook also getting people wanting formula more. * Megan Dunn said moms are breastfeeding longer because they are not separated from their babies due to staying home which helps continuation of breastfeeding. * Yamhill doesn’t have as many reports of not breastfeeding because moms are staying home longer. They are still getting support from their hospitals. * It would be good to reach out to Oregon Washington Lactation Association about this.   **To do:** Megan D. is on the OWLA board will send an email to the rest of the board about sending out a survey to their members. Kelly will check with Korina about southern Oregon. |  |
| Local Agency sharing | Baker:  Clackamas:  Clatsop:  **Columbia**: Sheri – busy with a lot of vaccine clinics. Mother’s Day tea in August and will offer Covid shots, OHP, Healthy Start, other resources.  **Coos**: Julie – continuing remote visits, county is getting vaccines out. Will participant in the Global Latch-On August 6. They have vaccinated moms exclusively breastfeeding.  Crook:  Douglas:  **Deschutes**: Shannon – worked April, May and June on vaccines. Now back to regular job. Lots of moms getting vaccinated due to planning to breastfeed. Will do Facebook posts for World BF Week. May slow down/delay opening due to covid cases increasing. Looking forward to seeing moms and babies in person.  Grant:  **Harney**: Kelly Novak they have a new peer counselor.  Hood R.:  **Jackson**: Meghan has seen an increase in premature births in Jackson, getting a log of MDF requests from NICU. WBF week will use social campaign videos from state on Facebook. Using WIC system to send message to new pregnant participants about support after birth.  **Josephine/Curry**: Christine – lots of pumps to return. Completely phased into Josephine. Peer counselors made World BF Month video for their Facebook page, asking all to like and share. Hiring for both Curry and Josephine.  **Klamath**: Xandi still new to WIC and BFPC. Working on Level 3 lactation training.  Lake:  **Lane**: Heather – WBFW will do social media week videos on Facebook. Will send thank you notes to breastfeeding moms. They have including new chest-feeding terms on website. Also connecting to Happy Milk website from Facebook page. Still doing phone appointments and offering office visits for weights and measures and as needed. Certifiers will be back in the office in late August.  **Lincoln**: Ari - working peer counseling pilot program. July in person BF support in the clinic. For WBFW sending kids book, bilingual, out about breastfeeding. Sending out flyer thanking bf moms. Ari will be doing BF training for staff. BF promotion on webpage.  Unfortunately, the recording ended here. We apologize. If the following local agencies want to send in a brief update we will edit the notes and resend them. Thanks, Kelly  Linn:  Malheur:  Marion:  Multnomah:  North Central:Maricela had to leave meeting early  Polk:  Salud:  Tillamook:  CT Umatilla:  UMHS:  Union:  CT Warm Springs:  Washington: |  |
| Next meeting | 10/27/27 | | |