

**Northeast Ohio Representative Report
January 29, 2022 Member Meeting
Susan Buchanan**

Wooster Community Hospital: Nicole Sword

We do have exciting news!!!

Our hospital: well baby nursery and our affiliate Akron Children's special care nursery started offering DONOR MILK for medical supplementation!!! We are so excited to be able to offer this for our community.

As well as in November we launched an affiliate breastfeeding clinic, Bloomington Breastfeeding Care, staffed with a nurse practitioner who is doing a lot of our outpatient lactation and first baby visits post discharge.

We identified a need in our community with lack of support of breastfeeding after a 24 hour hospital stay and this has been going well for the last 3 months it has been implemented. She can care for both the mom and the baby as a couplet because she is a **family** nurse practitioner IBCLC and families seem to really appreciate her extended office hours and with her addition we are now a 7 day a week program, women can get help with breastfeeding every day of the week including Saturday and Sunday.

Cleveland Clinic Fairview: Annette Nedrich and Terri Baumer

Here are some notes from Fairview. The above data was presented by Nikol Gammalo one of our fine LC's

NICU stats December 2021 from Margaret Kuches another one of our finest LC

Total D/C 54

NAS or incompatible with BF 9

Net eligible 45

Total D/C on breast milk 36

Percentage 80

Expired or transferred to other care 3

Breast milk days 571

Also Fairview has done 1,155 Out Patient Consults for 2021

We have 23 staff members from L & D, PP, NICU to help us prepare for Baby Friendly redesignation, our "champions"! We had 1155 Outpatient visits in 2021, a 6% increase from 2020. We had 1578 warm line calls and 1793 follow up discharge calls. Our breast feeding initiation rate for 2021 was 88.46% and our exclusivity rate was 64.93%, which we work on at all times! 83.4% of our NICU babies has human milk within 24-48 hours of discharge, and 96% of our mothers that were separated from baby started pumping within 6 hour of birth.

Summit County WIC: Deb Flack

The only thing new to mention is that ODH has now decided how they are going to roll out the new USDA Breastfeeding Curriculum Training to all WIC employees. WIC has always required breastfeeding training for all staff. It has been a long time coming, but it is my

understanding that the curriculum has finally been changed and updated. All Ohio WIC staff must complete their portions of the training by the end of the fiscal year.(which is Oct 1st for us). The tiers are listed below. There is a mention below that sometime in the future the training will be available to non-WIC staff who influence WIC participants' infant feeding decisions.

Trumbull Co. WIC and Tri-County Breastfeeding Connections Coalition: Holly Mischev

Due to the existing Covid restrictions we have not had many changes since my last report in October. State WIC recently informed us that we are to continue to waive children in the clinic for certification, but we are still seeing moms/babies for breastfeeding help if they request an in-person visit. We continue to make follow-up calls to all prenatal and breastfeeding participants to provide education and support. We also continue our monthly breastfeeding group called TLC (The Lactation Club) via Facebook Live.

I am remaining co-chair of Tri-County Breastfeeding Connections coalition which continues to meet monthly via Zoom. We collaborate virtually with area Lactation Consultants, peer helpers, and representatives from local WIC clinics and health departments to discuss goals for the future and ways to support prenatal and breastfeeding families in the community. We are still promoting our online conference with Dr. Jarold "Tom" Johnston through GOLD Learning and encourage registration on our coalition's website as we will get the credit for the registration. www.tri-countybreastfeedingconnections.org We would appreciate you sharing our conference information with OLCA members.

I also work as an IBCLC on the Mom/Baby unit at a local hospital and actively promote WIC and provide education and support to patients and maternity staff.

Summit and Medina County Private Practice: Anne Raley

I wanted to introduce myself and my private practice. I'm an IBCLC doing in-home visits in Summit and Medina counties in Northeast Ohio. My information can be found at summitlactation.com. I am very happy to be back in Ohio after moving away and I'm excited to learn about the lactation community here in Ohio. I opened my private practice toward the end of 2020 and continue to work PRN in a local hospital. I got my lactation start in Virginia in a large hospital and took the IBCLC exam in 2017. I love the hospital setting but am very excited to be working in the community. I've been involved with the Northern Ohio Lactation Association (NOLA) for a few years now and am very happy to continue serving the lactation community and the families here.

Thank you,

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Cleveland Clinic Akron General: Susan Buchanan

Working on plan for getting back to seeing outpatients in person.

Beginning to prepare for our Baby Friendly recertification.

University Hospital Rainbow Babies & Children: Mary Ann Blatz

In our NICU, we continue to support our moms that are identified as COVID+ to provide their breastmilk for their hospitalized infants.

We have added a new LC to our team: Jessica Koch, RN, IBCLC. Jessica has worked with our infants for many years and passed the exam last Fall. Welcome Jessica!

University Hospital: Libby Swoboda

Alyssa Stachowiak , MD, IBCLC, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital started a UH Breastfeeding Medicine service. She is currently seeing patients one day per week by appointment.