



**February 4, 2009  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Meeting Location:**

Antelope Valley Hospital ~ Imaging Center  
**Conference Room 203, 2nd Floor**  
44105 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lancaster, CA 93534

**Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Partner Update
  - o Wilder Inventory Survey
  - o PFF Update
2. AV Network Business
  - o Contact List Update
  - o Showcase Presentations
  - o 2008-09 Action Plan: Breastfeeding
  - o Outstanding Quarterly Nomination

**Co-Chair:** Gwendolynne Cole

**Co-Chair:** Donna Wolfe

**Note-taker:** Laura Page

**Welcome**~ Gwen Cole

- Introductions
- Ice Breaker – Chinese zodiac signs

**Partner Update**

- Wilder Inventory Survey  
The Wilder Collaborative Survey is a tool used by collaborative groups such as the HBLCs, to identify and learn the strengths and challenges of the collaborative. Wilder survey was completed by all returning members present.
- Partnership for Families (PFF) Quarterly Update~ John Whitaker, PhD
  - o PFF program, qualifiers and services explained to new members
  - o Staff opening: looking for bi-lingual individual with a Masters in a social work-related field to fill one position being vacated.
  - o Group input on ways to increase referrals:
    - Questionnaire/check-off to guide in assessing referral criteria
    - Increased targeting of community resources that can serve as access points (shelters, ob/gyn clinics, etc.)
    - Carbon copy referral form to facilitate collaborative process

## AV Network Business

- Contact List Update
  - Members were asked to update contact information
- Showcase presentations
  - Call for ideas for showcase presentations
- 2008-09 Action Plan: Breastfeeding
  - Survey
    - Dr. Doug Melnick told the group about the process he used to put together the survey draft: original questions, focus group transcript, and known county issues compiled into one questionnaire using Likert Scale for data analysis, which he shared with Pamela Stanley and then brought it back to the group for feedback.
    - Open discussion included:
      - **Possible questions to add:** Adequate linkage to resources? Adequate support after birth? Have you completed this survey before? Pump usage? Questions should remain consistent with Likert style for data purposes. List top reasons for stopping breastfeeding early. Also reached consensus on adding a code to differentiate between private insurance and Medi-Cal.
      - **Timeframe in which to administer survey:** Group consensus was that survey should be administered twice --at 6-8 weeks after birth to focus on initiation issues and then again at 6 months after birth to target a major drop-off point in breastfeeding.
      - **Manner in which to administer survey:** Group consensus was that the survey should be flexible enough to be completed 1-on-1 with a case manager or through mailing; telephone option seen as possible skewing of results. Healthy Homes, ob/gyn clinics and WIC were targeted as top participants; all other member groups will get as many completed as possible to help Network reach its goal number.
      - **Targeted number of surveys to complete:** Consensus reached that a goal of 200-300 completed surveys would provide a good cross-section of mothers and enough data to lead the Network to its next step in the action plan.
  - Next Steps
    - Dr. Melnick suggested handing the draft off to a more clinical network member to use as a template and add the breastfeeding initiation aspect. Sonja Beck accepted the group's nomination as the best candidate for the job, and she agreed to have a second draft available at the next meeting.
- Outstanding Effort Quarterly Nomination
  - Nominations for Oct-Dec. submitted by written vote
  - Results will be announced at the March meeting.

**Announcements, Networking & Adjournment**

- Breast-feeding and skin-to-skin contact poster program at AV Hospital produced by WIC
- Yes2Kids Writing Contest kicks off February 5
- AV Kids Cook-Off begins in March
- Infant mortality task force being formed in response to rising rates – possible Network participation or showcase presentation?

Meeting adjourned

Attendees: Maryann Avila, Sonja Beck, Linda Bowling, Cherish Brown, Nikki Brown, Gwen Cole, Maria Colin, Michelle Frick, Diane Gaines, Roz Gordon, Terri Hess, Aretha Lightner, Doug Melnick, Veronica Nieto, Mary Nowland, Laura Page, Irma Perez, Brenda Robledo, Melissa Rose, Kimian Thompson, Twyller Weary, John Whitaker, Malika Wilson, Donna Wolfe