November 2026 QUARTERLY MEETING

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84765400936?pwd=JZd4LWD0OOEjYO8KcMIuVFaV4fgOz8.1
In Person: Meeting Room 104 at Central Library
7205 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68114

CERP SESSION
10:00 - 11:00 CERP (Melanie)

- Welcome to our November CERP session!
- Explain that anyone who has purchased a $40 Add-On, or registered as a FREE Student Add-On will receive a CERP for the session. Also, share what do attendees need to do to verify their attendance and how they will receive their CERP certificate? Renewal emails will go out each month to those whose add-on is expiring. If you would like to check on the date of your renewal please email info@nebreastfeeding.org.
- Please view our 2025 - 2026 CERP Policy if you have not had the chance. CE Policy
- **Introduce Therese Dansby**
    - Therese Dansby graduated with her BSN from Texas Christian University in 2007. She worked as a bedside NICU nurse for 8 years before trying her hand as a nurse coordinator in a high risk OB clinic and then as a postpartum home visit nurse for a freestanding birth center before finding her true calling in breastfeeding support. She became a mom in 2014 and an IBCLC in 2016. When she's not homeschooling her three older kids or napping because she's pregnant with her fourth, Therese can be found working 1:1 with moms in home visit and hospital settings, promoting her podcast-style prenatal breastfeeding class, or talking about breastfeeding issues on her public podcast Milk and Motherhood.
- Presentation by Therese
- After presentation, if time: Are there any questions?
- Thank you, Therese
- Notes: Therese presented on circadian health and its connection to breastfeeding, hormones, and lactation support. She explained how natural light versus artificial light affects the body's circadian rhythm and discussed practical applications for both mothers and lactation providers, including recommendations for sunlight exposure, indoor lighting, and sleep practices. The presentation covered how circadian health could impact milk supply, latch issues, postpartum mood disorders, and various breastfeeding challenges.
- Beyond Sleep Presentation
- Contact info: therese.dansby@gmail.com
    - happymamahealthybaby.com
    - @happy.mama.healthy.baby
    - milk & motherhood podcast

MEMBER MEETING
11:15 – 11:30 Introductions (Melanie)

- Welcome to our November Quarterly Meeting!

- Call on each member present via zoom and ask them to share their name, community, organization & their title or role. Ask anyone who is able/would like to introduce themselves to turn on their camera.
- If you are a leadership member please identify yourself during your introduction.

11:30 – 11:50 Highlight 1: A Mother's Love (Chalandria)

- **Our first highlight is** Shanika King co-founder and executive director of A Mother's Love

Intro: A Mother's Love Inc. is an Omaha, Nebraska-based nonprofit organization dedicated to improving maternal and infant health by supporting families before, during, and after birth. Through doula services, Community Health Workers, maternal health education, diaper assistance, and community resource connections, we empower families with the knowledge, resources, and compassionate support they need to thrive. Our mission is to promote maternal health equity and ensure every family feels supported, valued, and cared for.

- A Mother's Love presentation.
- If time, questions.
- Thank you !
- Notes: A Mother's Love mission is to support maternal and infant health through doula services, community health workers, and resources for families facing challenges like homelessness and domestic violence. The organization has served 1,400 families through office visits and distributed 9,000 diapers and 708 pounds of clothing this year. They hold various drives for anyone interested in donation.
- A Mother's Love Presentation
- https://www.amothersloveinc.org/

11:50 – 12:10 Highlight 2 : MilkWorks Mom Talk (Sayward)

- **Our second highlight is Adrienne Heter**
- Intro: Adrienne is the Community Resource Director at MilkWorks and she has been part of the team for eight years. Her connection to MilkWorks began in 2018 when she became a new mom and personally benefited from lactation consultations and the weekly Mom Talk support group. These experiences inspired her passion for supporting mothers and families, particularly in the area of maternal mental health. She is excited to be part of MilkWorks' initiatives to improve postpartum mental health through peer support and education.
- If time, does anyone have any questions for Adrienne?
- Thank you!
- Notes: Adrienne from MilkWorks presented on their expanded MomTalk support groups, which now include multiple weekly sessions, themed groups, and a new Spanish-speaking virtual group, all aimed at providing peer support and addressing maternal mental health needs. The organization is also developing a mobile app called Light Bridge Life to further support connectedness among participants
- Mom Talk Presentation
- https://milkworks.org/what-we-do/supportgroups.html

12:10 – 12:35 NE BFC Projects/Updates/Financial Report

Financial Report (Tami)

- Financials from July - September 2026
- Fiscal Year: July 2026 - June 2027

- Amount of revenue this fiscal year: $1,040
    - Primarily 1:1 Donor Campaign Contributions and add-ons
- Amount spent this fiscal year: $6,116.70
    - Primarily on Admin/Program contractor, technology, 407 application fee, and new NE BFC laptop
- Balance as of 9/30/2026: $29,117.49

Annual Report (Angie/Melanie)

- Our Annual Impact Report highlights the coalition's accomplishments from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Membership grew from 182 to 239, our lactation support map expanded from 104 to 117 providers, and we supported 10 women pursuing their IBCLC. We also hosted four quarterly meetings and awarded continuing education credits to 59 members.
- Thank you to our members, volunteers, and donors for making this work possible, including the $19,700 raised through our 1:1 Hospital Donor Campaign. We encourage you to review and share the report to help highlight the coalition's impact across Nebraska.
- https://nebreastfeeding.org/file_download/inline/010d5337-1d30-4572-bbb7-dba544bb303d

1:1 Campaign Update (Melanie)

- We have started reaching out to our Tier 1 donors to renew their support through our 1:1 donor campaign. We're sharing our annual impact report and highlighting how their donations support the Coalition's work. We look forward to continuing these partnerships and will share updates as we hear back.

IBCLC 407 Work Group / Licensure Initiative Update (Angie)

The Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for IBCLC licensure to the Nebraska Health and Human Services Department. Our letter was accepted and we will now submit an extensive application to be recommended for licensure under the Nebraska 407 Credentialing Review Process. If our application is approved, a recommendation will be sent to the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. If passed out of committee, a recommendation for licensure would go to the floor of the Legislature for a vote.

This is a long and complex process, and we want to make sure that all stakeholders in this decision are aware of why and how we are pursuing licensure and how this might impact our colleagues in breastfeeding support. We are now contacting stakeholders, including public health departments, birthing hospitals, maternal and child health organizations, professional organizations, and practitioners. These stakeholders will receive a knowledge brief outlining the initiative, the reasons for pursuing IBCLC licensure, and what it could mean for breastfeeding support in Nebraska.

Knowledge Brief's Link: https://nebreastfeeding.org/news-events/resources/for-lactation-professionals.html

Lactation Workforce survey:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0OqLInwUE6FzBRd9S0o3gQ9GetGJhWTvYw-8jA8Av5dvH7Q/viewform?usp=header

Committee Update (Angie / Melanie if chair is not present)

- Advocacy & Impact (Angela)
    - The committee continues to support the IBCLC licensure workgroup as it moves forward with the Nebraska 407 Credentialing Review Process.
- Awareness & Education (Liz)
    - The Awareness & Education Committee is reviewing the coalition's website and identified updates to improve its content and usability. Planning is also underway for CERP presentations in May and August 2027.
- Representation & Inclusion (Sayward)
    - The Representation & Inclusion Committee is beginning outreach to update the coalition's lactation support map and exploring ways to strengthen our mentor program and recruit more participants.
- Connection & Collaboration (Karina)
    - Organizational partners: https://nebreastfeeding.org/how-to-help/organizational-partners.html
    - https://nebreastfeeding.org/file_download/inline/1b591273-bd9f-445b-ad61-fe20d2842221
    - We're excited to officially launch the Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition's Organizational Partners Program today! This program gives organizations a way to support breastfeeding education, advocacy, and connections across Nebraska while becoming more involved in the Coalition's work. Partnerships help support education, statewide breastfeeding campaigns, Coalition programs, and a more diverse and connected breastfeeding support network.
    - There are three annual partnership levels to choose from:
        - **Lactation Leader, at $150**, includes recognition on our website, a digital recognition badge, access to general Coalition meetings, webinars, and statewide updates, and opportunities to participate in committees and workgroups.
        - **Nurturing Partner, at $300**, includes all of those benefits, plus your organization's logo and link on our website, an annual newsletter spotlight, and priority consideration for speaking opportunities at webinars and events.
        - **Golden Hour Champion, at $500 or more**, includes all of the previous benefits, plus recognition at Coalition meetings and events, a champion recognition plaque, and a free August CERP for up to 10 people.
    - Each partnership lasts 12 months from the date of enrollment.
    - We invite you to consider becoming an Organizational Partner or share this opportunity with your organization's leadership. You can scan the QR code on the flyer to learn more and register, or contact info@nebreastfeeding.org with questions.
    - We look forward to building these partnerships and working together to strengthen breastfeeding support throughout Nebraska.

NPQIC Update: (Angie)

- NPQIC is transitioning its Breastfeeding initiative into sustainment. NPQIC will continue collecting breastfeeding data and updating its dashboard. Chelsey Kennedy's last day as an NPQIC employee was October 30, though she will remain involved through the Board of Directors and Maternal Advisory Group.
- NPQIC has been working closely with the Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition during this transition and is encouraging participants to become coalition members, subscribe to our newsletter, and attend upcoming education and support events.
- Data dashboard: https://npqic.org/resources/npqic-data-dashboard.html

12:35 – 12:45 Catch up/sharing/closing comments (Melanie)

Share: What is happening personally in your role or your organization/community that you would like to share?