

THE NEVADA BREASTFEEDING COALITION
September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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In Attendance: 33

Summer Flowers (Silver Summit, MCHW), Nicole Bungum (SNHD), Dulce Ortiz, Jackie Chaidez, Ty-Renal Davis (Doula, CLC), Kairi, Cherish Wittenberg, Carla Sells, Rosemarie Arroyo (IBCLC, Member Coordinator), Morgan Powell (Doula, Member Coordinator), Jenn Campbell (Executive Director, Doula Co-op of Nevada.), Nourish Nevada, Karissa Manchado (DPBH, Maternal Child Health Section), Monique Gatel, Maisha Kudumu-Jones (Doula), Jayde Fox (SNHD, CLC), Angel Sharp (IBCLC), Adriana Formisano (Breastfeeding Support), Melody (Senior Specialist, Molina Healthcare, Growth & Community Engagement), Ivonne

| Objectives | By | Notes / Objectives and Desired Outcomes | Further Action X |
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| Call meeting to order | Rikki Jenkins | Introductions & approval of last meeting minutes | |
| Treasurer's Report | Cristina | 5,300.69 (have to pay Melissa Cole) | |
| Membership | Dawn + Becca | <p>Welcome new members !!! Makayla Corriolo, UNLV SPH, Angel Sharp, Carolyn Thompson, Iris Kwan, Yasodara Cabera, NVMCH, Katarina Sepulveda, Ana Saldivar, Jenni Coble, and Ninel Lorador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporter \$0. Perfect for parents, community members, students or non-professional lactation supporters. - Advocate \$50. Perfect for non-lactation professionals, doulas, Community Health Workers, WIC staff, social workers, therapists, etc. who work with lactating parents. - Professional \$100 Perfect for IBCLCs, CLCs, CBEs, RNs, MDs or other lactation professionals. - Organization \$200 Perfect for pediatric practices, health districts, organizations, hospitals, etc. Adds up to 3 people per organization; for more than 3 people, contact <p style="text-align: center;">Membership is Valid for 12 months</p> <p>Benefits of membership include: * Discount on conferences and education events offered by NVBC * Discount on materials offered by the NVBC * First-hand opportunities to help shape the direction and perception of breastfeeding in our community!</p> | |

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| | | <p>If you have any questions, reach out to Rosemarie & Morgan using this email address MembershipNVBC@gmail.com</p> | |
| Coalition updates | Rikki | <p>We are still in search of a rural rep.</p> <p>View the full descriptions on our bylaws here.</p> | |
| State Updates | Jackie Bonde | <p>Announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -release of Make Our Children Healthy Again report; includes lactation-related findings about persistent organic chemicals, pesticides, microplastics, and dioxins in human milk. -release of National Immunization Survey (2022)- no breastfeeding report card this year. Nevada showing progress but still below national average. (links ?) -finalized Medicaid Managed Care Organization breast pump benefits sheet; four MCOs offer breast pumps at no cost under Nevada Medicaid. (links ?) | |
| ARPA Grant Update | Cristina | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -awarded third cycle of scholarships; recipients announced weekly via coalition social media. -latch clinic launched at UNLV Pediatrics. -Spanish Breastfeeding Support Group moved to Thursdays (9–10:30 am) at Anthem Wellness Center -another latch clinic planned at HLI, mid-October. <p>The Nevada Lactation Hub Scholarship Program is a collaborative effort between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and The Nevada Breastfeeding Coalition (NVBC) that will increase and diversify the next-generation lactation support providers in Nevada through November 2026. This project is being supported by federal allocation number SLFRP2634 allocated to the State of Nevada by the U.S. Department of the Treasury through a subward to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (#SG 2024-00407, PI: Dr. Gabriela Buccini)</p> <p>This year we have made several wonderful partnerships including Nourish Nevada, Renown Hospital, NVMCH, Anthem Wellness Center, UNLV Pediatric Clinic, & The Healthy Living Institute. There are several barriers to becoming a lactation specialist and a board certified lactation consultant. This grant aims to help reduce those barriers and help future programs do the same.</p> <p>The grant has two components. To award 70 scholarships for people in NV who would like to become a lactation specialist. The second component is for 10 people who are on the path to become IBCLCs. This program is for those on the pathway 3 program by including chief mentors, and provides paid hours.</p> | |

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| | | <p>In the past year we have awarded a total of 56 scholarships.</p> <p>The final round of scholarship applications available under the program will open in Nov.</p> <p>Learn about our lactation scholarships:</p> <p>https://www.unlv.edu/publichealth/financial-aid/nv-lactation-hub</p> | |
| Community Updates | Rikki | <p>-announced the last round of scholarships for lactation specialist level in November.</p> <p>The Breastfeeding Support group is now every Wednesday at HLI from 11a-12p. (flyers were printed and can be distributed to organizations please email us if you would like some)</p> <p>We now have a new Spanish breastfeeding support group at The Anthem Wellness Center which will run every Thursday 9-10:15 am. The support group will be run by IBCLC Ana Saldivar and the ARPA lactation scholarship recipients.</p> <p>Pediatric Clinic lactation services at UMC – free for patients on Tuesdays & Thursdays.</p> <p><u>Save the date:</u></p> <p>Saturday, Oct 11: 2025 Nevada Breastfeeding Coalition’s Symposium We will have Melissa Cole as our speaker. Melissa Cole, MS, IBCLC, is a renowned expert on infant feeding, oral function, and integrative lactation This event will be held in person at UMC, Healthy Living Institute and virtually for those who cannot make it (from 9 AM to 5 PM). The session will be recorded for all registered participants who cannot make it. This learning opportunity offers 6 L-CERPS/6 CEUS and is \$125 for non-coalition members/\$75.00 for coalition members.</p> <p>8:00-8:45 am Registration continental breakfast 8:45 -9:00 am Welcome and opening remarks 9:00-10:30 am Low Milk Production Detective Work: Assessment and Care Plan Considerations 10:30-10:45 am Break</p> | |

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| | <p>10:45-12:15 pm Infant Oral Assessment and Support Anatomy and Function Beyond the frenulum 12:15-1:15 Lunch Break 1:15-2:45pm Supporting Healing Outcomes for the Newborn Post-Frenectomy 2:45-3:00p, Break 3:00 -4:30 pm Tiny Tummies: Insights on Infant Digestion, Concerns and Care Plan 4:30 – 4:45 pm Wrap UP</p> <p>Honorees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Buccini- Nicole at the SNHD- Amy, Rory, and Xochitl at HLI- Cherish Wittenberg- Carla Sells- Robin Hollen <p>We are calling all pregnant or recent moms with an infant under 14 days old in Clark County, Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas, or North Las Vegas). If you responded YES: complete the online survey by scanning the QR Code or link provided in the flyer and check if you are eligible to enroll in the Nurturing Care Family Navigator Study. All personal information is kept confidential. Survey link: https://redcap.link/oezg7kc3</p> <p>✨Who can participate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- recent moms with an infant up to 14 days- pregnant women between 36-40 weeks- Must live in Clark County, Nevada- Must be either uninsured or Medicaid <p>✨Why is it important?</p> <p>We aim to connect recent moms to health and nutrition resources to promote optimal infant feeding, and early childhood development in Clark County, Nevada. This study has a strong</p> | |
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| | <p>potential to contribute to improving the health and well-being of mothers/caregivers and their babies.</p> <p>Llamamos a todas las madres embarazadas o que hayan dado a luz recientemente con un bebé menor de 14 días y vive en el Condado de Clark, Nevada (Henderson, Las Vegas, o North Las Vegas). Si respondió SÍ, complete la encuesta en línea escaneando el código QR o el enlace del folleto y verifique si cumple los requisitos para inscribirse en el Estudio del Navegador Familiar de Cuidado Cariñoso. Toda su información personal se mantiene confidencial. Enlace de la encuesta: https://redcap.link/oezg7kc3</p> <p>✨ ¿Quién puede participar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Madres recientes con un bebé de hasta 14 días- Mujeres embarazadas entre 36 y 40 semanas- Deben vivir en Clark County, Nevada- Deben no tener seguro médico o ser beneficiarios de Medicaid <p>✨ ¿Por qué es importante?</p> <p>Nuestro objetivo es conectar a las madres recientes con recursos de salud y nutrición para promover la alimentación infantil óptima y el desarrollo infantil temprano en el condado de Clark, Nevada. Este estudio tiene un gran potencial para contribuir a mejorar la salud y el bienestar de las madres/cuidadoras y sus bebés.</p> <p>Upcoming Events/community updates:</p> <p>-Heart and Sol's 5th year anniversary is this Saturday! Join us in celebration or help us raise funds for our many programs. We provide scholarships through mutual aid for doula, mental health, lactation support, and fund a community period pantry. We also host various reproductive health workshops quarterly that include peri-menopause, period education, & trauma informed workshops.</p> <p>Next month (General meeting): Dr. Buccini will give insight about the report on ARPA funding</p> <p>November 8: Baby Expo 2025 (Emerald at Queensridge, Las Vegas)</p> | |
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| | | <p>Melody: September 27- Molina Healthcare + Christy for car seat giveaway at Nellis Crossing- free car seats and diaper distribution.</p> <p>Jen Campbell: shared about the statewide scholarship for aspiring birth doulas- offering 2 spanish and 4 english online courses (to be announced soon). -tiered membership for doulas.</p> | |
| Speaker | Maria | <p>Recap of BF events - https://www.canva.com/design/DAGzK-4OE2E/79XfMWJ7Kqb_aM9w6j--NQ/view?utm_content=DAGzK-4OE2E&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=h408c051b4b</p> | |
| Discussion | | <p>-job opportunities for CLCs and lactation specialists.</p> <p>-challenges: hospitals typically hiring only RN IBCLCs, limited positions for non-RN IBCLCs.</p> <p>-opportunities: public health programs, WIC offices, pediatric clinics.</p> <p>-recommendations: increase HR awareness about non-RN IBCLC qualifications, expand lactation support roles across settings.</p> | |

Our mission is to inspire, educate and build community support to make breastfeeding the norm for infant feeding in Nevada. For more information, contact us at info@nvbreastfeeding.org
Our next meeting is on October 15, 2025