# Presents... Building a Baby-Friendly Taskforce

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### **Today's Presenters**



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# Objectives

#### By the end of this webinar, participants will:

- Describe the purpose of a Baby-Friendly Taskforce
- List people to include
- Describe best practices for operating as a taskforce



## Purpose of the Taskforce

- To provide structure for change management team work
- To build facility-wide investment in the project, as appropriate
- To ensure effective communication across groups
- To promote continuity of care for those you serve
- To ensure inclusion of various perspectives and styles

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• To divide tasks strategically

### The Participants

#### Who to include on your team?

- Core Improvement Team
- Sub-committees
- Ad Hoc Members



#### Participants: Core Improvement Team

- CHAMPS/Baby-Friendly Team Lead\*
- Nursing Staff
  - Labor and Delivery
  - Mother-Baby/Postpartum
  - Day and night shift
  - Nursing Management
  - Nurse Educator
- Lactation Staff
- OB/GYN Physician Lead
- Pediatrician Physician Lead
- Hospital Management
- Prenatal Clinics
  - Manager / Liaison
- Community/Patient Representative



### Participants: Ad Hoc Members

- NICU Manager
- Nurse Educator
- Director of Continuing Medical Education
- IT / EMR
- Purchasing
- Patient Education / Health Literacy
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Medical Billing
- Other Community Groups
- Anesthesia Champion



# A Word on the Team Lead



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Policy (1)

Continuity of Care (3 & 10) Core Improvement Team

Staff Training (2)

Practice (4-9)

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#### **Best Practices**

- The first meeting
- What every meeting should include
- Setting goals



# The First Meeting

- Schedule a mutually-beneficial time and location
- Highest office possible: send formal request to attend
- Prepare agenda and presentation materials
- Send reminder to attend (include the agenda)



# The First Meeting: Setting the Agenda

- Introductions
- Review project goals and resources. Invite input. Share ownership.
- Establish Operating Norms
- Begin articulating short-, mid- and long-term goals

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• Agree to meet again

### Materials to Share with the Team

- BFUSA Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria
- The Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding





# Setting Goals

- Describe the current maternity practices at your hospitals
- Review The Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and BFHI Criteria
- Identify long-term goal (3 years)
- Identify mid-range goal (1 year)
- Identify short-term goals / priorities (1 month)
  - Tasks you will work on before the next taskforce meeting
- Assign tasks! Subcommittees can be created for each goal

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# What every meeting should include:

- Set a standing time and place to meet each month
  - For example: the first Monday of every month at noon
- Send out meeting reminder with the agenda
  - Encourage ad hoc team members to attend when the agenda items apply to them
- Assign someone to take the **meeting minutes** or notes
  - After the meeting send these out to the entire team, so that those who aren't able to attend the meeting can stay updated

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• Share your results and successes!

# Sustaining Enthusiasm

- Nurture with food &/ drink
- Value every participant's role
- Make it easy to attend and participate
- Offer opportunities to shine
- Highlight forward momentum
- Keep it fun
- Consider "Purpose Driven Leadership"



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