

COUNCIL ON WOMEN & GIRLS- SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & SAFETY

DATE: June 6, 2022

TIME/ LOCATION: 10:00am - 11:30am/ Microsoft TEAMS

Meeting Members/Designees/Attendees:

Subcommittee Tri-Chairs: Victoria Veltri (Executive Director, Office of Health Strategy); Beth Bye (Commissioner, Office of Early Childhood); Manisha Juthani (Commissioner, Department of Public Health)

Presenters: Ellen Clinesmith (Southern Connecticut State University); Janet Alfano (CT Diaper Bank)

Also attending: Maggie Adair (OEC); Colette Anderson (The CT Women’s Consortium); Dr. Valencia Bagby-Young; Jean Breny (SCSU); Anne Bonito (OEC); Rep. Dorinda Borer; Dr. Marian Evans (SCSU Department of Public Health); Astread Ferron-Poole; Kathy Flaherty; Brian Foley (DESPP); Alice Forrester; Dr. Michele Griswold; Jennifer Lombardi (DMHAS Women’s Services); Shelly Nolan (Director, DMHAS Women’s Services); Donna Palomba (Jane Doe No More); Angel Quiros (Commissioner, Department of Correction); Gretchen Raffa; Devon Rayment; Thomas Saadi (Commissioner, Veterans Affairs); Jordan Scheff (Commissioner, Department of Developmental Services); Ashley Starr Frechette (CCADV); Leslie Sude (Pediatrician, Yale Medicine/Fair Haven Community Health; Dr. Marie Spivey; Terra Volpe (CT Against Gun Violence); Yvette Young (The Village for Families & Children)

Recorder: **Anne Bonito (Office of Early Childhood)**

MINUTES

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Victoria Veltri. Attendees asked to introduce themselves in the chat.	
Review and Approval of minutes from last meeting	Last meeting’s minutes not available at this time.	
Legislative Updates – Members, Agencies		
Legislative Advocacy		

Topics of Discussion	<p>Prison Breastfeeding and Lactation (Ellen Clinesmith, MPH, MALS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background – CT law from 2018, lactation definitions • Overview of incarceration in the U.S. (including women, People of Color, mothers, women pregnant at time of intake) • Benefits for both infants and mothers • Project challenges • Project recommendations • Conclusion/Q&A <p>Formula availability update (Janet Alfano, CT Diaper Bank)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background on shortage – problem existing even before Abbott contamination • Responses at Federal and State levels • Looking ahead – planning for future emergencies • Prioritization of hypoallergenic formula and formula for medically fragile children • Adding more brands to the WIC approved list • Q&A 	
Questions:		
Committee Updates and Announcements:		
Closing Remarks:		
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.</p> <p><u>Future Subcommittee Meetings:</u> August 1, 2022 September 6, 2022 November 7, 2022 December 5, 2022</p>	