Bismarck/Mandan Breastfeeding Partnership
Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2017

Members present: Katie, Alyse, Chelsey, BriAnna, Jana, Jeanine, Cindy and Nancy

* The bank has started to charge for Paper Statements. The group agreed that gong online to avoid the $5 monthly fee is sensible. Nancy will call the bank and get that set up.
* Katie has some extra grant money to use and is willing to collaborate with BMBP for a new sign/table display. She will check into options. BBPH uses the saying Breastfeeding Naturally the Best. The group liked that and wants that on the sign.
* Katie added that she is working with businesses to help them become Infant Friendly. They are focusing on Bismarck Public Schools. She created a few resource for anyone to hand out and use. The resources are checklists for employers and another one for Mothers.
* BriAnna detailed how the ND Breastfeeding Coalition is working on a large project to bring Mamava Pods to the four major airports in ND. (Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo). Hopefully, eventually expanding that project to the four next largest airports. $22,000 /pod. BMBP gave its support for this project.
* Cindy and Alyse mentioned that the baby Expo this year will be on Oct 6 and 7th, and would love participation.
* Topic for more conversation was setting up a booth at the Bismarck Market from 10-2pm on one Saturday.
* The Partnership is going to show the Milky Way Documentary at the Heritage Center on May 13th. This will be a Mother’s Day tribute. In addition to the movie, we will plan other fun activities and snacks. We will form a sub group to plan this activity. Anyone interested will meet at BBPH April 3rd at 2:00pm.
* LLL started back up by Jenny Benz. They meet at Morton Public Library every third Saturday at 10 AM.

Next meeting will be April 26 @1:00 Bismarck WIC office