Nursing Mothers Advisory Group Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. RMSB 1143 – Small Conference Room

Members Present:	Others Present:
Dwayne Campbell	Vanessa Moreno
Ronnie Morales	Roy Hinds
Susan Leyes	Daryl Douglas
Nanette Vega	Dr. Lourdes Gonzalez-Bellido (WIC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Chair, Ms. Nanette Vega.

Ms. Vega began with an overview of the accomplishments from the last meeting.

1. Welcome to New Attendees

Dr. Lourdes Gonzalez-Bellido from the WIC program was in attendance. Nanette Vega met Mr. Mark H. Rosenblum at the Miami Dade Breastfeeding Coalition Banquet. She invited him to attend the meeting. The WIC program is 100% funded by a grant. WIC has two locations on the medical campus, one is located in park plaza west basement room L207 (305-585-7847), and Holtz Room 1344 (305-585-5767). WIC's main goal is to increase breastfeeding In and Out of the Hospital. Since the 1990s the percentage has increased from 30% to 72.9%. Dr. Gonzalez-Bellido stated that education is a important in mothers prenatal and birthing of child.

2. University of Miami nominated for the Florida Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Award

The University of Miami was nominated to receive not only the Florida Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Award, but also the Breastfeeding Employer Recognition Bronze Award from the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition. Banquet was held on December 13th 2011 at Jungle Island. Nanette Vega, Susan Leyes and Vanessa Morena were in attendance. Nanette received the awards on the groups behalf.

3. Department of Health Grant Update

It was mentioned in the last meeting that we are receiving a \$15,000 grant from the Department of Health for education and promotion. At first we were told, upon accepting the grant we had 90 days to use the funds including weekends. According to Joyita we have a verbal agreement that we will receive an extension on the final date that moves it back into June 2012. **Action Item:** Nanette with keep the group updated. To date no money has been received.

4. Advisory Groups Updates

- Ms. Vega stated that furniture has been donated by HR-medical for 3 rooms. The new furniture in HR nursing mother room (Dominion Towers) can be divided up for three rooms. Action Item: Susan Leyes will work with Nanette to secure furniture.
- Space Management Ronnie Morales

Ronnie stated that he has seen and secured over 7 units of complete and brand new furniture that is located at the south campus. **Action Item:** Nanette will begin working between the 2nd and 3rd week of January in securing and transporting the furniture, will work with Ronnie and Lisi to have furniture moved to medical and gables.

5. Review of Nursing Mothers Advisory Group Charge/Purpose/Responsibilities

Ms. Vega reviewed the groups charge, purpose and responsibilities. This group's charge is university wide. We are working towards to have a ribbon cutting ceremony among all campuses approximately on March 2012. Ms. Vega will be working with the Dean and Department of Communications to coordinate. We hope that the dean can present for the grand opening.

Ms. Vega would like to keep the meeting monthly as we continue to work hard towards the deadline. Soon after the ribbon cutting, we may cut the meeting times down to quarterly or every 6 months to keep up to date with details and educational materials. Ms. Vega would like to also explore with tracking techniques of nursing mother's who will be using the rooms, along with perhaps educating new mother's with a introduction prior to using the room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31pm. 2012 meeting schedule will be emailed in early January.