

## **2020 MIBFN Network Meetings and Community Conversations Advisory Council Overview**

Throughout 2020, MIBFN is supporting planning and implementation of six Network Meetings and Community Conversation around the state. The purpose of each meeting is to listen and learn in community with breastfeeding stakeholders - both organizations that serve breastfeeding families, and families themselves. Our goals are to listen and learn about the community-driven and equity-centered work happening in communities throughout Michigan, and collaboratively establish a community-owned, actionable, and equity-centered plan to advance breastfeeding outcomes in Michigan. We want to thoughtfully plan these meetings in a way that the meetings support both local efforts, and the efforts of MIBFN, by creating a shared space where meeting participants are able to authentically connect, form new and deeper bonds, and their share ideas for a path forward to improve breastfeeding outcomes with equity at the center.

We are seeking to partner with breastfeeding groups (coalitions, support groups, etc.) to serve as advisory councils for the Network Meetings and Community Conversations in 6 communities throughout Michigan who are

1. Led by and serve Black and Indigenous People of Color,
2. Passionate about and experienced in locally-led efforts to equitably improve breastfeeding outcomes, and
3. Acquainted with the local stakeholders in their community who are advancing community-driven approaches to improving outcomes.

### **Advisory Councils support the 2020 NMCC by:**

- Establishing the agenda for their NMCC (for a sample agenda, modified from previous MIBFN Quarterly Network Meetings, click [here](#))
- Recommending a meeting space based on the safety and comfort of the network meeting and community conversation participants
- Recommending a local, minority-owned catering company for lunch and dinner (2 different companies if necessary)
- Sharing the NMCC promotional materials with their networks
- Sharing their local NMCC report out and MIBFN report with their networks
- Disclosing any conflicts of interest that may interfere with the planning and/or implementation of the NMCC.

*Specific to the Network Meeting portion of the day and determined by the local Advisory Council if applicable to their chosen agenda:*

- Recommending a key topic/theme of local relevance for the presentation and panel.  
*Previous topics/themes have included: black infant mortality; 4th trimester support for black families; and Indigenous breastfeeding: trauma and resilience.*
- Recommending a presenter who reflects and represents the local community and can speak to this topic/theme for a 1-hour presentation (\$500 honorarium)

To learn more about the Network Meetings and Community Conversations, please visit [www.mibreastfeeding.org/nmcc](http://www.mibreastfeeding.org/nmcc). If you are interested in serving your community as an Advisory Council please contact [info@mibreastfeeding.org](mailto:info@mibreastfeeding.org).

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- Recommending 3-5 local breastfeeding champions who serve breastfeeding families, reflect and represent the local community, and can speak to their experience serving mothers for a 1-hour panel (\$100 honorarium each)
- Working with MIBFN projects team to develop a list of questions to ask the breastfeeding champion panel that align with the key topic/theme of local relevance (for a sample list of questions, modified from previous MIBFN Quarterly Network Meetings, click [here](#))

*Specific to the Community Conversation portion of the day and determined by the local Advisory Council if applicable to their chosen agenda:*

- Recommending a facilitator who reflects and represents the local community (\$500 honorarium)
- Recommending a transcriber (e.g. writer/note taker) who reflects and represents the local community (\$500 honorarium)
- Developing a list of questions for the facilitated sessions
- Establishing a template for the meeting report-out

### **MIBFN supports Advisory Councils by:**

- Supporting presenters and panelists, as needed, in gathering documentation required for MIBFN to apply for continuing education
- Creating NMCC promotional materials to share through their networks
- Providing a \$1000 stipend in gratitude for their time and expertise

### **Expected Time Commitment:**

Advisory Councils can expect to contribute 15 total hours to the planning and implementation of the NMCC.

- Approximately 1 hour for planning meetings with the entire council (developing questions and establishing a report-out format)
- Approximately 1 hour for planning meetings with MIBFN team members (recommending locations, meals, presenters, panelists, facilitators, and transcribers)
- Approximately 3 hours communicating with local collaborators to garner interest in participation in the NMCC
- Approximately 9 hours participating in the Network Meeting & Community Conversation
- Approximately 1 hour reviewing the MIBFN report (based on the 6 report outs) and providing feedback to MIBFN

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