

Breastfeeding Friendly Birthing Center Recognition Committee

What are the responsibilities?

- Participate in up to four in-person or virtual meetings/per year and email conversations
- Provide input on the program's purpose, goals, content, applications and evaluation
- Review Minnesota Breastfeeding Friendly Birthing Center Recognition application submissions on a rolling basis
- Applications are reviewed within six weeks following submission
- Reviewers will serve on the committee for a two-year commitment with the option to continue

Who is on the committee?

The recognition committee is comprised of a diverse group of professionals who are committed to expanding the capacity of birthing centers to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. A representative from the Minnesota Department of Health serves as the committee advisor and facilitates meetings.

In order to ensure the diversity of the team, the Minnesota Department of Health seeks to recruit up to six members from various sectors:

- Representative from a birthing center that has achieved *Baby-Friendly* designation (e.g., birth center directors, physicians, nurses, midwives, IBCLCs, etc.)
- Representative from the Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition and/or local breastfeeding coalition
- Representative from a professional group (AAP, AAFP, ACOG, ACNM, AWHONN), MN Hospital Association, or an insurance provider
- Representative from Minnesota Department of Health

At least two members of the committee will review each application. MDH understands that not all may be able to attend each meeting. The goal would be to have the majority of the group meet virtually to discuss applications. However, input may be provided prior to the meetings by email or phone call to the coordinator.

Where do I sign up?

If you would like more information about participating on the review committee, please contact Kristen Bricko, kristen.bricko@state.mn.us, 651-201-5562.

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