I am very happy to be a part of the NJBC and glad to be able to participate in the meetings. I think it's great that we are using a portion of the meetings to work on projects; most people don't have a lot of time and members need and want to be a part of forward progress, I think....

I was in the Access group and have a few thoughts:

There are so many topics in the Access group that we couldn't really focus. Access can mean mother's access and also other organizations access to us and vice versa. Our group talked a lot about the website to increase access, which is a part of the Communication group. There was also overlap with the other groups regarding Zipmilk etc. We have very limited resources and so need to allow each group to be the specialists for that topic, freeing up others to work on something else.

I propose the 3 groups be divided into several smaller groups, if there's interest:

Zipmilk/ NJ right to Breastfeed

Website/ social media- I wonder if this should be 2 groups?

Legal Affairs

BF worksites

Licensure

Infrastructure/ Growing our Diversity

I don't know if the other people felt there were too many topics or not in their group.

Our group also talked about utilizing the members at the meeting to link to the NJBC website and to link our programs better. I realize I am new to this group but sometimes it seems that we don't all know how we can support each other and work on our common goals.

Some things to consider. Have a good weekend!

Mary