

MEGAN RENNER, BA

B.A., Government & International Studies, Minor in International Peace Studies (2002),
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PERSONAL STATEMENT Ms. Renner has led four national nonprofit organizations, building up the independent national breastfeeding coalition over the past 12 years in close partnership with the Federal government's interagency breastfeeding work group. Serving as thoughtleader on the creation and implementation of one of the first *national* Collective Impact initiatives in the U.S., she focuses on building capacity for the critical work of stewarding collaborations, and the application of both an "equity lens" and "equity mirror" to collaborative change work.

POSITIONS AND HONORS

Executive Director, U.S. Breastfeeding Committee, 2004–present.

- Directs all operations of rapidly growing nonprofit coalition with staff team of nine, including finances, board/strategy support, membership and development, website design and maintenance, publications, advocacy/lobbying, and conference/meeting planning.
- Oversees backbone support services for more than a dozen Constellations, action-focused work teams of organizations pursuing national cross-sector collaborative change work; stewards development of Constellations' continuous learning plans, common agendas with policy, systems, and environmental change strategies, and shared measurement plans.
- Oversees a portfolio of capacity building supports for a network of state/territorial, local/community, and cultural breastfeeding coalitions in all 50 states; leads training and technical assistance especially on coalition building and conflict resolution, advocacy, media, finances and fundraising, and nonprofit governance.
- Directed "Continuity of Care Connections" project sub-contracted under CDC-funded Best Fed Beginnings initiative, a nationwide effort led by NICHQ to make quality improvements to maternity care to better support mothers and babies to breastfeed; under this project, convened and stewarded a national Advisory Committee on Community Support for Breastfeeding.

Deputy Director/COO, Lamaze International, 2007–2008.

- Managed operations of a large nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing normal birth and quality in maternity care, similar to above with the addition of certification and education programs, peer-reviewed journal, bookstore, and consumer outreach and research programs.

Executive Director, Museum Trustee Association, 2004-2007.

- Managed operations of a small nonprofit association, similar to above; editor of *Templates for Trustees* series (customizable, software-based tools designed to increase board effectiveness).

Honors

- National Advisory Council for Project HOPE (Halting Obesity: Pregnancy through Early Childhood), organized by Nemours and the American Academy of Pediatrics with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016).

PUBLICATIONS

- HealthyPeople 2020 Law & Health Policy Project – Maternal, Infant and Child Health Report Work Group, convened by the CDC Foundation (2016, in progress).

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- *Needs Assessment of State/Territory Breastfeeding Coalitions, Matrix of Effective Coalitions* (Project Director, 2013-2015). 20% effort.