**LEAARC Vision:** High quality professional lactation education

**LEAARC Mission:** To establish standards for and recognize quality in lactation education

### Goal 1: Promote accredited lactation programs in postsecondary institutions

- Work with academic institutions to offer a program that meets standards for accreditation.
  - Contacted potential institutions and assisted those interested in designing academic lactation programs.

- Promote CAAHEP accreditation of existing and new academic lactation programs.
  - CAAHEP accredited the Mary Rose Tully Training Initiative at the University of North Carolina and the Drexel University lactation program in Philadelphia.
  - LEAARC recommended the Birthingway lactation program in Portland for accreditation (accredited by CAAHEP in January 2017).
  - LEAARC is in the process of accreditation review with two programs.
  - Two programs are completing their Self Study Reports which will be due in 2017.
  - Began required 5-year review of the accreditation Standards, to be completed in 2017 and submitted to sponsors for endorsement.
  - Participated in CAAHEP conference and leadership workshop.

### Goal 2: Promote equitable access to competency-based lactation courses that reflect the profession’s core curriculum

- Require that LEAARC Approved courses meet LEAARC criteria.
  - Required LEAARC Approved courses to map their content to the LEAARC curriculum to ensure coverage of all competencies. (Policy beginning January 1, 2017 requires all LEAARC Approved courses to teach 90 hours and cover all competencies.)

- Increase the level of educational preparation in the profession.
  - Instituted a recognition process for courses less than 90 hours to be recognized as basic education for breastfeeding educators and counselors; approved two courses in the new recognition category.
  - Recruited chapter authors for the *Core Curriculum for Interdisciplinary Lactation Care* and began development of the text with expected July 2018 release.

- Encourage programs to increase diversity in and equitable access to learning.
  - Participated in USBC membership meetings and Lactation Support Provider meetings.
  - Participated in the Lactation Equity Action Committee.
  - Monitored course Annual Reports for ways courses promote diversity and equitable access.

### Goal 3: Promote international relevance for LEAARC recognition of lactation education

- Promote international awareness of LEAARC recognition as the benchmark for lactation education programs.
  - Encouraged and provided support for program development in India, China and Japan

- Promote international consistency in preparation for lactation practice.
  - Promoted use of the LEAARC Curriculum in development of lactation programs.

### Goal 4: Promote standardized clinical instruction in lactation

- Promote standardized clinical instruction in lactation.
  - Assigned a task force of 19 experts who began development of a clinical instruction guide and resources, to be released in 2017; to be followed by development of a recognition process for clinical internship programs.

- Increase student access to obtaining clinical experience.
  - Held a meeting with USLCA regarding their plan to increase access to clinical experience.

### Goal 5: Promote organizational excellence, financial stability, and visibility

- Ensure adequate resources to accomplish LEAARC’s goals and objectives.
  - Recruited two new board members from CAAHEP Accredited programs.

- Increase awareness of LEAARC services.
  - Exhibited at ILCA conference.
  - Published quarterly LEAARC Notes newsletters.
Financial Statistics

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