

The **First Annual Summit on Breastfeeding** took place in Washington, D.C. on June 11-12 commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Workshop on Breastfeeding and Human Lactation led by then Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD in 1984 on these same days. Regrettably, Dr. Koop was unable to attend the Summit given the travel distance from Dartmouth but we were privileged to have his video-taped remarks, which you can view now on the ABM website.

With the support of the Kellogg Foundation and the enthusiasm and tireless efforts of the speakers, work group leaders, and participants, chaired by Ruth A. Lawrence, MD and Cynthia R. Howard, MD, the meeting was by all accounts a significant success. The substantive information provided during the plenary sessions, the pragmatic reports prepared by the work groups, and the insightful discussion by the participants will all contribute to our shared goal to formulate appropriate, action-oriented policy recommendations in support of a national breastfeeding agenda. In addition, we received press coverage which will surely convey the importance of breastfeeding to the public.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the keynote by the Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand, who spoke about breastfeeding promotion within the context of her “family-friendly” agenda as a United States Senator (New York). As the first woman ever to be nursing while a U.S. Senator, she is a strong advocate for breastfeeding as part of our nation’s health reform priorities.

You can learn more about the Summit as follows:

- The proceedings will be published this fall as a special supplement of *Breastfeeding Medicine*, with worldwide distribution in print and online, to serve as an enduring record for the medical and health policy community at-large.
- The Summit co-chairs, Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Howard, will discuss the Summit proceedings at a special luncheon during the 14th Annual International Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia on November 5-8.
- Videos of the Summit plenary sessions and keynotes will be available for viewing on the ABM website.