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| ***IMMUNIZATION TASK FORCE METRO OMAHA*** |  |

**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday April 5, 2013**

**7:30-9:00 AM**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Sharon Plummer, Michelle Hokanson, Jude Dean, Linda Ohri, Melanie Moore, Sharon Wade, Laura Klug, Georganna Felt, Archana Chatterjee, Bridget Rolenc, Vicki Sunderman, Cathy Carrico, Jim Archer, John Pawlowski, Michael Owens, Jeanne Burke, Mindy Swanson (DNP student), Jessica Moyle (DNP student),

**Members Absent:** Patsy Nowatzke, Katie O’Keefe, Jane McGinty, Pat O’Hanlon,

**Announcements:**

Dr. Archana Chatterjee announced that she was resigning from the committee as she is taking a career path in South Dakota starting in July. She will reach out to colleagues who may be interested in serving as a consultant to the task force and will discuss further at the May quarterly meeting.

Linda reported the most recent information regarding the new bird flu, H7N2, indicated at least 14 people had been infected and 6 deaths resulted.

Jim Archer will report back to the committee on the availability of PPSV-23.

Infant Immunization Week is in April. Dr. Chatterjee volunteered to do any media interviews. Sharon Wade will work directly with Dr. Chatterjee.

The Nurse Practitioner students present at today’s meeting will be working with Cathy Carrico on projects surrounding immunizations. Mindy Swanson’s project will involve increasing Tdap rates among the elderly. Jessica Moyle’s project will involve increasing immunization rates among health care professionals.

Jane McGinty relayed that the State Immunization Program is sending them Tdap throughout this year through the last of the 317 Discretionary funds and is to be used for those adults who are either uninsured or underinsured. The committee discussed possible avenues for getting the word spread about this and suggested forwarding the information to the Midwest Childcare Association, also Pat O’Hanlon and Bridget Rolenc will help spread the word, and we might consider utilizing our mailing list for the daycare initiatives to send information out.

**Minutes** from the March 4, 2013 meeting presented and approved

**Treasury Report**

Debit: $1,000 for Chip Thompson for Website development.

Balance: $11,113.78

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs:* Chair-Vicki Sunderman resigned as Chair but has agreed to assist with the Committee. The Steering committee expressed their gratitude for the fine job Vicki has done, and asked her assistance with interim and re-organizing this Committee with very large responsibilities. This will be presented at the Quarterly Meeting and a new Chair(s) elected.

At the Black Family Health Fair, 115 people were screened for immunizations and 30 Flu shots were given courtesy of Walgreens. The finalized report will be distributed later by Linda and Bridget.

South Omaha Community Council Fair needs Volunteers. This will be held at the end of September or early October. There will be more information to come in upcoming meetings.

The Metro Elder Network may be an avenue for ITF to work through for adult immunization advocacy.

Pat and Bridget – are requesting budget funding for the purchase of “immunizations” rather than specifying “influenza immunizations.”

Bridget will be doing a Health Fair at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, IA, on April 27, 2013. Sharon volunteered to help with screening. Linda Ohri has a screening sheet and poster which can be used.

*Professional Affairs:* (Chairs-Cathy Carrico and Katie O’Keefe).

Cathy reported that the Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference scheduled for June 12th and 13th 2013. The CME brochure should be ready for distribution next week. CDC has confirmed at least two speakers for the event.

IAC was contacted to include the conference in their IAC Express email. CDC is also promoting the conference.

There will not be a NESIIS report at the conference this year.

The dinner program on the first night of the conference is set and invitations sent. Dr. Brad Watson will present on adult vaccines and vaccine hesitancy as part of a complex issue. Jim is working to confirm if there will be a shuttle provided from the conference to this dinner.

Jude is working through NE HHS for brochures and mailing.

All members are asked to publicize through any professional channels.

*Legislative:* (Chair-Linda Ohri)

There is nothing new to report. Bills discussed last meeting have gone to Committee.

*Website:* (Chair-Sharon Plummer)

The website is getting ready to go live. There are just a few details left to iron out with Chip Thompson. We hope to be live by May 3, 2013.

Sharon will be arranging a meeting with the website committee and the other committee chairs (or approved delegates) to meet with Chip Thompson and train on the Word Press software.

**Other Business**

A copy of Pat O’Hanlon’s update on the Hepatitis B vaccination program was sent out with the minutes. Thank you to Pat for his continued efforts and great results with this program!

Next meeting scheduled for May 3, 2013, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) office at 79th and Davenport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Plummer and Laura Klug

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force