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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday August 2, 2013**

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

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Laura Klug chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Laura Klug, Sharon Plummer, Pat O’Hanlon, Cathy Carrico, Patsy Nowatzke, Georganna Felt, Bridget Rolenc, Jim Archer, Jane McGinty, Jude Dean, Linda Ohri, Verona XhiXhi, Bridget Rolenc, Andrea Riley, Jessica Moyle (DNP Student), Jeanie Burke, Tracy Ginger, Shirley Delair, Katie O’Keefe, Melanie Moore

**Members Absent:** Sharon Wade

**Announcements:** None

**Minutes** from the June 7, 2013 meeting approved with minor corrections.

**Treasury Report:**

Debit: None; Deposit: None; Balance: $11,034.81

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs:*

1. Jane McGinty is working with Mindy Swanson to get vaccination information out to older citizen in September. 2 events set up to give Tdap, Jane has about 9000 doses. Jane will check to expand to other events.
2. Bridget Rolenc received the 1000 magnets with task force information. Everyone was welcome to take some for their clinics or events.
3. Lori Howell has asked to join the steering committee; will place Lori on the list serve.
4. Sue Weston along with Creighton University pharmacy students represented the task force at the World Refugee Health June 22, 2013 from 10:30 to 2:30. They had a very good turnout.
5. The task force will be represented at the Bi-national Health Fair events. (see flier).
6. Community Committee will meet and organize the events.

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

1. Conference was a success. Post conference meeting next week so more report at the next meeting.
2. Bill for poster, task force
3. Have 2 grant requests:
   1. Jessica Moyle (DNP Student with Creighton University School of Nursing), Vaccine research project Request $300.
   2. Mindee Swanson (DNP Student with Creighton University School of Nursing), is requesting $180.00 to complete her Tdap presentations projects focused on adults, pre- and post- survey. This is a community outreach program.
4. Both of these projects were approved by the committee.
5. Katie and Cathy will develop the guidelines for approval of grants and post on web site.
6. The committee will start planning for next year’s meeting, if any suggestions for topics send to Katie O’Keefe.

*Legislative Advocacy:* (Chair-Linda Ohri)

The following two bills were passed this last state legislative session:

1. LB458 Require general acute hospitals to offer tetanus-diphtheria-Pertussis vaccinations as prescribed
2. LB459: Required certain health care facilities to offer onsite vaccination services.

The third bill did not get out of committee; however there is a lot of public support for the meningococcal vaccine.

1. LB460: Require a booster meningococcal conjugate vaccine for students as prescribed. Meningococcal is not required now, this will be a school mandate.

There is new evidence of the benefits for the HPV vaccine. However, the vaccination rate has hit a plateau. This may be a opportunity for the task force to focus on information to target this vaccine.

Jill from CDC talks about how to talk to people about vaccines hesitancies. Jim will send contact information to Linda for possible topic for next year’s conference.

*Website:* (Chair-Sharon Plummer)

August is Immunization month; Sharon has requested a Nebraska Governor’s proclamation. Committee discussed how to disseminate this information to the media. This should be posted on the web site. Dr. Delair has agreed to speak to the media as our representative. There are 3 task forces in Nebraska; Omaha, Lincoln and Scottsbluff and we may include them.

The website is live. Chip Thompson will do recordings for instructions on use. Laura asked members to email her suggestions on what type of training should be done.. The URL is <http://immunizenebraska.org>**.** The web is licensed and ready to be updated.

**Other Business**

The by-laws were reviewed but will require re-review at the next steering meeting in September.

Andrea Riley presented a program she is involved in titled “Shot@Life”.

Next meeting scheduled for September 6, 2013, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) office at 79th and Davenport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force