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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday December 4, 2015**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Linda Ohri, Bridget Rolenc, Georganna Felts, Cathy Carrico, Jane McGinty, Sharon Wade, Vicki J. Sunderman, Patsy Nowatzke, Mary Ann Rocha, Kevin Reese, Meera Varman, Pauli Nejezchleb, Laura Klug, Rudy Kotula

**Members Absent:** Jeanne Burke, Rudy Kotula, Theresa Guinan, Shirley Delair, Jude Dean, Leslie Thiele, Pat O’Hanlon,

**Announcements:**

1. HPV meeting in Atlanta. Trying to organize at the state to have a round table to discuss HPV education-public and provider education
2. DNP Student is working on a HPV project.
3. Several students working on flu and HPV vaccination rates and how to improve them.
4. Discussion of insurance coverage of vaccines. Carriers cover very differently.
5. Jessica Palmer (grant recipient) has publish “Barriers to HPV Vaccination” in the Journal of Vaccines, an online journal
6. Practical Pediatrics Conference will be held March 4, 2015 at Century Link: committee will consider having a table.

**Minutes** from the November 6, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expense: $500 - Madeline Paul, Creighton Medical Student; grant award

Deposits: None

Treasury Balance: $20,365.81

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

Laura was locked out but the problem has been resolved. The minutes will be uploaded and also information from the CDC. 300 views in last 30 days.

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felt

1. Unable to attend the Diabetes Event November 14, 2015.
2. Joy of Life Ministry at 56th and Sorensen on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 12 noon. Target homeless -20 flu vaccines given.
3. Homeless Holy Family November 18, 2015; Creighton School of Pharmacy-25 vaccines given (good educational event for students)
4. Youth Emergency Clinic on November 24, 2014; Creighton School of Pharmacy-35 flu vaccines given (good educational event for students)
5. Metro South Health event November 20, 2015 from 8AM to 2 PM targeted to students who are parents. Many young parents and they have no idea of their vaccine status-30 flu vaccines given
6. Giving flu vaccines to the daycares in both North and South Omaha. Charles Drew has been set up to give flu and Tdap vaccines to daycare workers. This effort is continuing.
7. Ira Combs has been a great advocate in the health in North Omaha.
8. Pat reports that a Mayan specific health fair is in the planning phase. Scheduled for February 20, 2016 from 10 to 2 at One World. Hope to give Tdap and flu vaccines.
9. Refugee Health Fair, Methodist will fund vaccine administration.
10. There was a conference at UNO targeted to OPS student. Methodist did in-kind work and one was a logo’ed bag but Methodist does not approve content. Nebraska Founder “Save Nebraska Children” now is against Methodist for supporting. The bag was filled with STD prevention techniques. The conference is trying to get to children who do not have basic core values and need to reach out to these children. All health systems and schools will need to address STD prevention because it is a major problem in our community. Methodist will continue to support the STD prevention.
11. Vaccine lecture Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 7 am that Dr. Kotula will be presenting at Methodist, he ask that a representative from the task force attend. Vicki will be able to attend.

*Professional Affairs*: Leslie Thiele and Theresa Guinan

No Report

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

# List distributed about state senators who voted against the meningitis last spring.

1. Dr. Kotula met Governor Ricketts and his wife; will try to get Mrs. Ricketts, who is a nurse, to support vaccinations and the Task Force.
2. Arguments in support are not to call the new bill a mandate but a vaccine requirement to get our vaccine rates up; will use human interest stories.
3. Senator Bob Krist has agreed to bring the bill as priority bill, this bill will not have to start in committee; will be presented in the session hopefully earlier.

# John Y. McCollister, Susan Crawford and Sara Howard have agreed to support this bill. Multiple other senators have indicated that they will support this bill.

1. Linda will send out a reminder to send support to member’s senators to encourage their vote.

*Public Relations Committee:* Jeanne Burke and Michelle Hokanson

No Report

*Conference Report:*

The 13th Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference is scheduled for June 10, 2016 at the Downtown Hilton.

Speakers

1. Dr. Kristine Feemster (Keynote Speaker)- Pediatric Update - Implementing Vaccine Policy and Hesitancy
2. Dr. R. Kotula- Adult Immunization Update and Travel Vaccines
3. Dr. C. Gray – Special Populations and Vaccinations - Pregnancy
4. Dr. M. Greene – Special Populations and Vaccinations - Refugees
5. “Shot at Life” film -
6. Ms. R. Martinez School Based Vaccinations vs. CDC Requirements
7. Shana Castillo - Pharmacy Public Health Partnerships
8. Panel (strategies to improve vaccination rates-Theresa Guinan (Boystown Clinic experience), Tamara Robinson (American Cancer Society) and Meera Varman (Pediatric Infectious Disease)

There is a HPV human interest documentary about people who were affected by the disease. Aksarban Theater will show documentary such as this and could have a panel. Committee will consider a before conference event or a separate event.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2016, 7:30 AM, Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) Conference Room, Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force