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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday February 5, 2016**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Cathy Carrico chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Sharon Brown, Cathy Carrico, Sharon Wade, Patsy Nowatzke, Laura Klug, Linda Ohri, Georganna Felt, Bridget Rolenc, Jeanne Burke, Pat O’ Hanlon, Anne Keene, Jane McGinty, Shirley Delair, Ruby Kotula, Tracey Ginger, Michael Owens, Michelle Hokinson, Pauli Nejezchleb

**Members Absent:** Vicki J Sunderman, Theresa Guinan, Leslie Thiele, Steve Lazoritz, Jude Dean, Meera Varman, Carol Wang, Kermit Ervin, Andrew Gess, Theresa Gregg, Burt Rogers, Patrick Lubbers, Melanie Moore, Mary Ann Rocha

**Minutes** from the January 8th, 2016 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Treasury Balance: $19,304.81

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

1. Website - 50 page views
2. Newsletter added to website
3. Pulmonary conference added to website
4. Omaha World Harold article regarding Zika Virus asses to website

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felt

1. Health Fair 2/22/16, International Friendship house
2. Organization sponsors table for “ Heat land Family Services”
3. “Black Families Health Fair” Saturday 03/19/16
   1. Purchases two tables
4. 1909 immunizations distributed into community

*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 was going to do it 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)

We will be getting the interactive question/answers at the conference for a $500 fee.

*Professional Affairs*: Leslie Thiele and Theresa Guinan

No Report

*Public Relations Committee:* Jeanne Burke and Michelle Hokanson

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

         Bill did not pass for meningococcal vaccine.

* Would like to start tracking Meningitis cases throughout Nebraska and the country
* Hope to work with library staff and a student to manage this
* Discussed human and economic costs of even idea “possible” cases of meningococcal meningitis, for families, communities and for public health

Committee donated a $50 gift certificate from Panera to the MOMS Staff and $500 to the Immunization Action Coalition again this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next meeting scheduled for March 4th, 2016, 7:30 AM, Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) Conference Room, Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Brown

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force