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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday February 6, 2015**

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

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions:**

**Members Present:** Vicki J. Sunderman, Sharon Wade, Patsy Nowatzke, Linda Ohri, Michelle Hokinson, Georganna Felts, Pat O’Hanlon, , Pauli Nejezchleb, Cathy Carrico, Rudy Kotula, Jeanne Burke, Laura Klug, John Pawlowski, Michael Owen, Meera Varman, Jessica Moyle, Mary Ann Rocha

**Members Absent:** Leslie Thiele, Bridget Rolenc Katie O’Keefe, Sharon Plummer, Shirley Delair, Jane McGinty

**Announcements:**

Medicare policy update-both pneumococcal vaccines will be covered. The implementation is February 2, 2015 but claims will be paid for those submitted after December 18, 2014. The interval must be 1 year.

The Meningococcal Vaccine was licensed on October 29, 2014. ACIP has not issued recommendation but will review the end of February.

Gardasil 9 has been approved by the FDA, available February 1, 2014. ACIP will not meet about recommendation till end for February. Males are indicated to receive for 9 to 15 years of age.

**Minutes** from the January 9, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses Paid:

$ 227.23 Reimburse for lunch with testifiers, copy expense and hotel room for testifer

$ 540.00 Testifier’s travel and reimburse missed work and childcare

Deposits: None

Balance: $23,598.99

Expenses Approved: Gift for MOMS Staff: $50 Gift Card; Gift for Meningitis Angels $100; Reimbursement for travel for Andrew Marso

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs: Georgia Felt*

1. Health Fair for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be held Saturday February 7, 2015 from 1 PM to 4PM at North High. $25 for gift card for a raffle.
2. Black Family Health Fair, Saturday March 28, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon. The task force will purchase 2 tables. The event is held at North High School.

*Professional Affairs*: *Cathy Carrico*

1. 2015 Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference will be June 5th 2015 at the Hilton Downtown. We will be having the poster presentation, discussed the easel, and may need to rent these. Creighton rents the easels from their conferences, Cathy will check with her contacts at Creighton. Brochure should be out soon, the save the date has been mailed. Several Nebraska county health personnel will do a Q & A at the last session.
2. We will offer a teleconference but will limit to the west end of the state (Valentine and Scottsbluff). This will cost $1600 for the telecast from the hotel. In the future the committee will consider holding the conference at the Harper Center at Creighton University which would decrease the cost of teleconferencing and decrease rent.
3. Dr. Kotula will get a list of long term facilities and will send to Dr. Varman.
4. Jennifer and Kathy will get a poster on behalf of the task force to discuss the process of bringing vaccines to the market.
5. Spirit of Advocacy Award will be given again this year. Laura has received a request, will send out to task force to remind them of this award.
6. Have an after conference reception that Maggi Pivovar and Andrew Marso could attend. This would be after the conference dinner or reception. Make it an informal and people could talk to Maggie. Pfizer could potentially host the event.
7. Jeanne Burke suggested may the health library could store posters and open to people to check them out such as vaccine preventable diseases.
8. There have been a lot of good ideas, the champions will formally present to the steering committee for approval.

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

The committee is working with Senator Bob Krist and legislative aids regarding the meningococcal bill. The bill (LB18) has passed out of committee. The bill was introduced on the floor for the 1st round with some spirited debate. The concern is that should a rare disease be included in mandated vaccines. Will be debated again, Senator Groene is very against this mandate. The CDC has recommended this vaccine and 2 doses are required.

Linda has asked that all committee members contact their senator either by phone or email. A new email will be sent via the list serve.

*Website: Laura Klug;* No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday March 6, 2015, 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