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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday February 7, 2014**

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

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Sharon Wade chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Sharon Wade, Vicki J. Sunderman, Laura Klug, Sharon Plummer, Linda Ohri, Georganna Felts, Pat O’Hanlon, Bridget Rolenc, Meera Varman, Shirley Delair, Kermit Ervin, Michael Owens, John Pawlowski, Melanie Moore, Michelle Hokinson, Patsy Nowatzke, Jeanne Burke, Jim Archer, Drew Gess,

Natalie (Medical Student), Tracey Ginger

**Members Absent:** Katie O’Keefe, Cathy Carrico, Jane McGinty, Leslie Thiele,

**Announcements:**

Pfizer has awarded a $3,000 grant for education and promotion; Laura Krug, Linda Ohri and Zara Risoldi Cochrane (Drug Information Faculty at Creighton University) were involved in the grant application process. The grant will be issued to the Task Force. The grant would help to develop tool boxes for the website that is modeled to different interest groups such as daycares.

Sharon Plummer stated that there is an anti-vaccine effort from the Institute of Natural Healing on Face Book.

There is an interesting documentary titled “The Invisible Threat” about vaccines. However the user has removed from the internet. It was shown at the Colorado Vaccine Coalition meeting.

New Vaccine Schedules are available on the CDC web site complete

1. US adult IZ schedule f<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>
2. The Birth – 18 years and Catch Up Immunization Schedules were published on Friday, Jan 31. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>
3. Full PDF of the Birth – 18-year-old Schedule: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

**Minutes** from the December 6, 2013 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expense: $100 for two tables at the Black Family Health Fair.

Balance: $15,195.65

Suggest getting a $50 gift card for the staff of the Metro Omaha Medical Society for a thank you for the use of the conference room for Steering Committee meetings.

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs: Georgia Felt and Bridget Rolenc*

Upcoming Health Fairs:

1. Black Families Health Fair on March 29 at North High - Will be asking volunteers to staff the fair, shifts are 7:30 to 10:30 and 10:15 to 1. Need 2 people per shift.
2. Joy of Life Ministries on July 12 (or 19), location 6401 N. 56th Street in Omaha, Nebraska
3. Live Well “Family Wellness Fair” on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Thomas Jefferson High School

Bridget and Pat continue to go into daycares in both North and South Omaha. Suggest developing a poster to display success of program

August is immunization month, will try to get a press release and governor proclamation.

Pro*fessional Affairs:* (Chairs-Cathy Carrico and Katie O’Keefe)

Chairs were not available. Brochure soon to be out for annual conference. Save the date has already been distributed.

*Legislative Advocacy:* (Chair-Linda Ohri)

LB 859 has gone to general session. The bill is as follows:

Each general acute hospital shall take all of the following actions in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the guidelines existed on January 1, 2013: Annually offer onsite influenza vaccinations to all hospital employees; Offer to all hospital employees a single dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine if they have not previously received such vaccine and regardless of the time since their most recent vaccination with such vaccine; and require all hospital employees to be vaccinated against influenza, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, except that an employee may elect not to be vaccinated. The hospital shall keep a record of which hospital employees receive the annual vaccination against influenza and a single dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine and which hospital employees do not receive such vaccinations.

In order to prevent, detect, and control pneumonia and influenza outbreaks in Nebraska, each general acute hospital, intermediate care facility, nursing facility, and skilled nursing facility shall annually, beginning no later than October 1 and ending on the following April 1, when no national vaccine shortage exists, offer onsite vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease to all residents and to all inpatients prior to discharge, pursuant to procedures of the facility and in accordance with the recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the recommendations existed on January 1, 2012. This section shall not apply in individual cases when contraindicated or if a national shortage of the vaccine exists. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any facility listed in this section to cover the cost of a vaccination provided pursuant to this section.

In order to prevent, detect, and control diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis in Nebraska, each general acute hospital, intermediate care facility, nursing facility, and skilled nursing facility shall offer onsite vaccinations for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis to all residents and to all inpatients prior to discharge, pursuant to procedures of the facility and in accordance with the recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control.

*Website:* (Chair-Sharon Plummer)

Thank you message distributed to Chip to thank him for his work on the website

Website is functioning, will start to place material on the web with a private member only site.

**Other Business**

The committee discussed the ‘Spirit of Advocacy’ award that will be given to a person or organization that has excelled in promoting vaccines. The awardee will be recognized at the annual conference. The awardee will be given a $500 grant to assist them in their advocacy. Deadline for submitting will be May 2, 2014.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for March 7, 2014, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) office at 79th and Davenport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force