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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday January 8, 2015**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Cathy Carrico chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Linda Ohri, Sharon Brown, Georganna Felts, Cathy Carrico, Sharon Wade, Vicki J. Sunderman, Jessica Walter (Pharmacy Intern), Patsy Nowatzke, Mary Ann Rocha, Michael Owen, Meera Varman, Pauli Nejezchleb, Rudy Kotula, Jeanne Burke, Rudy Kotula, Leslie Thiele, Anne Keene, Pat O’Hanlon, Colby Sharlin (Medical Student)

**Members Absent:** Theresa Guinan, Shirley Delair, Jude Dean, Leslie Thiele, Pat O’Hanlon, Bridget Rolenc, Jane McGinty, Laura Klug,

**Minutes** from the December 4, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Treasury Balance: $20,365.81

**Announcements:**

1. Vaccine lecture on December 8, 2015 given by Dr. Kotula was very successful and he will do again on March 11, 2016 which is a pulmonary conference by Dr. Kotula will give another vaccine update
2. Distributed updated Omaha Pharmacies Providing Immunization Services
3. Announcement for articles published by several members in the “Nebraska Medicine” Summer 2015, will be sent via the list serve.

Colby Sharlin, Creighton Medical Student presented his project being done at the Creighton University Pediatric Clinics, application reviewed. Discussion ensued about funding this project for the amount of $456. The committee approved.

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

No Report

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felt

1. Pat O’Hanlon still continues to give flu and Tdap vaccines in South Omaha. Pat is always looking for free vaccine to give to the underserved.
2. 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.
3. Project Homeless Connect is April 1, 2016.
4. Heartland Family Services (previously Omaha Family Services) Dr. Kotula and wife is Chair of the Fund raiser “Carnival of Love” held February 13, 2016. Information will be sent via the list serve.

*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)

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

1. Copy of Letter and Card to be used to assist in recruiting members to the committee was distributed. Will be sent to the members.
2. Talked about inviting a Lincoln coalition representative to attend a meeting or have someone from this committee go to Lincoln. Jude Dean is a rep at both Omaha and Lincoln.

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

# Fact Sheet distributed to members.

1. Senator Bob Krist is submitted as a select file; will be presented in the session hopefully soon. Now is the time to send letters to your state representative.

# The committee was not able to meet with Tanya Cook or Keith Mello but will support; John Y. McCollister, Susan Crawford and Sara Howard have agreed to support this bill. Multiple other senators have been contacted and many indicate that they will support this bill.

1. Linda will send out the link to contact your representative.

Discussion on HPV promotion

1. Information distribution
2. Two states have mandates; Nebraska historically does not have mandates this early
3. Meera working with American Cancer on promotion of the vaccine statewide
4. Striving at a State level to focus effort; task force to support this effort
5. American Cancer will have a table at the conference
6. Discussed various methods to get vaccine information out

Received a letter from Immunization Action Coalition requesting donation, last year we donated $500. Committee voted to contribute again this year.

Committee voted to donate a $50 gift certificate from Panera to the MOMS Staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next meeting scheduled for February 5, 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