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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday January 9, 2015**

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

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Sharon Wade chaired the meeting

**Introductions:**

**Members Present:** Sharon Wade, Patsy Nowatzke, Shirley Delair, Jane McGinty, Linda Ohri, Leslie Thiele, Michelle Hokinson, Georganna Felts, Pat O’Hanlon, Bridget Rolenc, Pauli Nejezchleb, Cathy Carrico, Tracy Ginger, Meera Varman, Rudy Kotula,

**Members Absent:** Vicki J. Sunderman, Katie O’Keefe, Sharon Plummer, Jeanne Burke, Rudy Kotula, Laura Klug,

**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 December 15, 2014 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses Paid:

$ 310.00 Payment to Grant Awardee

$ 59.97 Reimburse for Lunch provided at the meeting with Senator

$ 500.00 Donation to Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)

Deposits:

$ 10,781.34 Surplus from 11th Annual Immunize Nebraska

Balance: $24,366.22

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs: Georgia Felt and Bridget Rolenc*

1. Bridget is developing a report to highlight the work being done with vulnerable populations. She will be presenting to the committee.
2. Primary Care Physicians: MOMS is developing a list of primary providers (OB/GYN, Internist, Family Medicine and Pediatrics) for Linda Ohri. Mailing to go to these offices concerning vaccine preventable disease and other handouts that may be developed. Would like to have a special insert for OB/GYN and vaccines that may and should be given during pregnancy. Get this out in conjunction with April infant immunization week.
3. Event for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be held Saturday February 7, 2015 from 1 PM to 4PM at North High. Bridget will send out information.

*Professional Affairs*: *Cathy Carrico and Katie O’Keefe*

2015 Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference will be June 5th 2015 at the Hilton Downtown. 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. However the Hilton is reasonable, especially with food expense.

*Legislative Advocacy: Linda Ohri*

The committee is working with Senator Bob Krist and legislative aids regarding the meningococcal bill. The bill has been introduced to be reviewed at this legislature session (LB18). There are multiple professional people who will be testifying for this bill. The committee discussed sponsoring Maggi Pivovar to come to Lincoln to testify for this bill. Maggie is a 1993 graduate from Creighton University earning a degree in Occupational Therapy. She developed meningococcal disease after she was not vaccinated after lymphoma treatment. She now is a champion of receiving the vaccine and is very active with the meningitis angels. Committee ok’d this expense potentially could be up to $2000.

Linda has asked that all committee members contact their senator. The information will send out via list serve so the committee can champion this bill..

*Website: Laura Klug; No* Report

**Other Business**

1. Consider an annual present to MOMs for the January meeting.
2. Student at Creighton had a poster presentation
3. Consider sending donation to the meningococcal angels (they are sending us information and this would be a thank you for this).

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday February 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