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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday June 26, 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, Patsy Nowatzke, Linda Ohri, Pauli Nejezchleb, Cathy Carrico, Michael Owen, Tracey Ginger, Bridget Rolenc, Meera Varman, Jane McGinty, Ashley Self, Roberta Martin, Mary Ann Rocha,

**Members Absent:** Sharon Wade, Rudy Kotula, Katie O’Keefe, Sharon Plummer, Laura Klug, Georganna Felts, Jude Dean, Pat O’Hanlon, Shirley Delair, Jeanne Burke, Leslie Thiele

**Announcements:**

News California may remove their exemptions for vaccines.

HPV 9 is licensed and recommends practices to shift to this vaccine. Recommendations were not strong on when to get and should eligible people be re-vaccinated with the HPV 9. There is a gap for age of the different compounds. This update will be presented at the August quarterly meeting.

**Minutes** from the May 1, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses Paid:

Spirit of Advocacy Award $500

Poster Printer Cost and Registration Fee for Jessica Palmar $204.08

Deposits: None

Balance: $21,255.29

Two registrations (instead of one) were awarded at the conference for next year.

**Conference Report:**

Hilton Location 251; Distance (Scottsbluff) 25; Total 276 (most ever)

Revenue met expenses, surplus about $5000; this will be split with CME $2500 will probably be the amount the task force Increase table fees and look for additional sponsors. Nonprofits may be able to sponsor

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs: Bridget Rolenc*

1. World Refugee Health Fair on June 20, 2015; Medical Reserve person assisted; many vaccine questions answered. College of Public Health is now overseeing this. The next event in the fall will be in November. There is a discussion to stop the spring event.
2. Juneteenth is tomorrow June 27, 2015. Linda Ohri and her group will work this.
3. Native American event in Hanscom Park; no one came to the vaccine table would not recommend this in the future
4. Health Fair; Joy of Life on July 11, 2015; Linda and 1 other faculty also medical reserve personnel with Bridget will work this.
5. Bi-National Health Fair will be October 17, 2015 women’s event on October 14, 2015 and the senior event October 13, 2015
6. Council Bluffs health event at All Care probably at Jenny Edmondson on October 15, 2015.
7. Last night Bridget attended a Farmers Market; very successful, many people stopped by. May consider doing more Farmer Markets.
8. Office on Aging event today; Creighton Pharmacy group with Linda Ohri

*Professional Affairs*: *Cathy Carrico*

Committee discussed broadening the speaker’s bureau to speak at professional offices. At the next meeting all are asked to bring resources that they are already using.

Consider putting an ad for the immunization task force in the MOMS newsletter.

There is a Promotora Program at One World. A promotora is a lay Hispanic/Latino community member who receives specialized training to provide basic health education in the community without being a professional health care worker. Lay people could assist in spreading the word of the importance of vaccines throughout the life cycle.

*Legislative Advocacy: Linda Ohri*

NMA have distributed survey on meningococcal disease, seeking physician support for the bill; will also go out to NFMA. Senator Hadley is planning on bringing back the meningococcal bill (LB18) which was withdrawn; this bill will not need to go back to committee. Committee will be sending legislature’s information about importance of vaccine without philosophical exemptions.

*Website: Laura Klug:*

No Report

**Other Committee Business**

There was a web request to link the following site: <http://www.superbabyonline.com>. The request was made by a research analyst of a child development site called Super Baby. The committee reviewed and there were mulitiple manufacturers advertisements and the committee thought too commercial. Committee decided not to link but email will be sent to site representative that they may add our link to their site if they wish to do so.

Dr. Varman talked about the Vaccine Advisory Committee; this is a state committee that meets three times per year. Michelle Hood attended and NEIS was discussed. Survey will go out to users to try to see if system problems and they will continue to solicit more use of system. The committee is an advisory committee on what the state could do to improve vaccination rates.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday August 7, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force