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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday March 4, 2016**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki J Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Vicki J Sunderman, Patsy Nowatzke, Laura Klug, Linda Ohri, Georganna Felt, Bridget Rolenc, Jeanne Burke, Ruby Kotula, Michelle Hokinson, Pauli Nejezchleb, Jane McGinty, Mary Ann Rocha, Jason Archeleta.

**Members Absent:** Sharon Brown, Cathy Carrico, Sharon Wade, Theresa Guinan, Leslie Thiele, Steve Lazoritz, Jude Dean, Meera Varman

**Minutes** from the February 5th, 2016 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Treasury Balance: $19,304.81

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

1. Website - minor update
2. Abstracts and poster will posted (waiting for permission from the authors)
3. Consider posting student presentations. Ruby Kotula, Jane McGinty and Vicki J Sunderman have volunteered to be reviewers of the information in the presentations.

Announcement: National Immunization National Meeting September 13, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia this year. No conference fees. This is the website of the conference <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/index.html>.

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felt

1. Mayan Health Fair at One World on February 20, 2016. 44 flu vaccines and 38 Tdap were given. This was a 1st time fair and was very successful.
2. Douglas County Health Department and Methodist Health System hosted a health fair on February 21, 2016, 155 people attended.
3. Black Families Health Fair at North High School on Saturday March 19, 2016. The Task Force has purchased two tables. Need volunteers for this event.
4. Postcards will be sent to daycares and will offer Tdap and Flu vaccines to daycare workers in low income zip codes.

*Professional Affairs*: Leslie Thiele and Theresa Guinan

Need to get the speaker bureau going again. Linda and Bridget will get this going again.

1. Need to check on getting continuing education credit hours
2. Would like 4 people to get the bureau going again
3. Send to committee at large for assistance with this bureau.

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

* South Dakota passed a bill for the meningococcal vaccine. Iowa has the bill in legislature now. Colorado considering a bill.
* Consider a mailing to the colleges throughout Nebraska about the meningitis vaccine to assist CEOs and student health nurses in educating their student and families.

*Public Relations Committee:* Jeanne Burke and Michelle Hokanson

CDC has made a micro website for the Zika virus.

The Mayor is doing a proclamation that March is colon cancer awareness month. The committee would like to check if the mayor would do the same in August for vaccine awareness month.

Consider working with the medical school to participate with the task force. Jeanne will talk to Dr. Varman.

*Conference Update:*

The 13th Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference is scheduled for June 10, 2016 at the Downtown Hilton. Dr. Kotula suggested meeting with students from area universities and college before or after the conference. Possibly have a reception the night before the conference.

Consider inviting someone from the Day Care Association to the conference. Consider paying the conference fee.

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 was going to do it 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)

Laura is checking with the CME office to see if the call for abstracts has been done. The Brochure is at press now. Patsy is checking with CME office concerning audio visual for interaction with audience and speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next meeting scheduled for April 1, 2016, 7:30 AM, Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) Conference Room, Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke for Sharon Brown

Secretary

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force