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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday May 1, 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, Sharon Wade, Patsy Nowatzke, Linda Ohri, Georganna Felts, Pauli Nejezchleb, Cathy Carrico, Jeanne Burke, Michael Owen, Tracey Ginger, Jude Dean, Leslie Thiele, Bridget Rolenc, Pat O’Hanlon, Rudy Kotula, John Pawlowski, Shirley Delair

**Members Absent:** Katie O’Keefe, Sharon Plummer, Meera Varman, Laura Klug, Jane McGinty

**Announcements:**

Nebraska Medical Association summer issue of their newsletter will be on vaccines. Many of the committee members will contribute articles. This newsletter will go out to about 3,000 people.

Article circulated about a high school athlete who dies of infection related to meningitis bacterial the original report was from the Washington Post dated April 10, 2015. A letter was also attached for review to distribute to providers.

Immunize Nebraska conference usually gives door prize. Linda suggested giving away two books and the usual box of candy

**Minutes** from the March 6, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses Paid:

Reimburse for gift given at the HIV/AIDS conference $25.00

Gift Card for appreciation to MOMS for use of conference room $50.00

Deposits: None

Balance: $22,059.37

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs: Georgia Felt*

1. Homeless Connect was held at Creighton University on Friday March 27, 2015. Members administered Tdap and flu, vaccine provided by Pat O’Hanlon from One World.
2. OPS – TAC Wellness Fair on Friday, March 27, 2015
3. Black Family Health Fair held on Saturday March 28, 2015. The task force screened about 130 attendees. The event was held at North High School. Thank you note received from Margie Dumas-Hill, head of the Black Family Health for the contribution the committee does for this fair.

### Cinco de Mayo Health Fair will be Sunday May 3, 2015, start time is 12 noon

1. Refugee Health Fair on June 20, 2015
2. Health Fair; Joy of Life on July 11, 2015
3. Bi-National Health Fair will be October 17, 2015 women’s event on October 14, 2015 and the senior event October 13, 2015
4. Immunize.org study result about high dose influenza did not perform any different until age 85.

*Professional Affairs*: *Cathy Carrico*

1. 2015 Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference will be June 5th 2015 at the Hilton Downtown.
2. 10 poster submissions in which 3 are external from the task force.
3. 5 companies have provided funding for tables at the conference; a bit under budget.
4. 105 Registrations to date-must be registered Monday before the meeting. Scottsbluff and Valentine will have available tele-health.
5. Should re-send the flyer out to constituents.

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

Continue to work on the meningococcal bill (LB18) which was withdrawn this year but will be reviewed again next year. The reason the bill was withdrawn because they wanted to add an amendment that parents could opt out and this would hurt compliance with the vaccine. Committee will be sending legislature’s information about importance of vaccine without philosophical exemptions.

*Website: Laura Klug;* No Report

**Other Committee Business**

Jude presented 501c3 proposition, the report was based on an Iowa experience. Committee discussed pros and cons of forming a 501c3. May consider having a lawyer review how we could pursue a 501c3.

Spirit of Advocacy Award will be presented to the Staff Nurses at Boystown Research Hospital for their efforts with increasing vaccination rates through their institution. Teresa Guinan, clinic manager will be contacted.

Entertain giving registration scholarships to 3 pharmacy students for the Melissa Sanders (working on poster); Manuel Bangsil (frequent volunteer and vaccine surveys within the area) and Roberta Martin (working with Linda this summer). $150 will be the cost. Cathy would like to take 2 student nurses; Jessica Palmer (worked with vaccine health fairs) and 1 of 4 other nursing students who are working with Cathy on her poster. Cost would be $100. Cathy would ask for reimbursement for poster that is form the task force.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Next meetings which were scheduled for Friday June 5, 2015 (date of conference) and July 3, 2015 (National Holiday) have been cancelled. The date of the next meeting will be June 26, 2015 from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) office at 79th and Davenport (due to cancelling of two meetings)

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force