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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday November 6, 2015**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Linda Ohri, Bridget Rolenc, Georganna Felts, Cathy Carrico, Jeanne Burke, Michelle Hokanson, Sharon Wade, Vicki J. Sunderman, Patsy Nowatzke, Mary Ann Rocha, Michael Owens, Pat O’Hanlon, Kevin Reese, Ivory Crawford (pharmacy student), Misha Nadeau (pharmacy student)

**Members Absent:** Jane McGinty, Rudy Kotula, Theresa Guinan, Laura Klug, Shirley Delair, Jude Dean, Leslie Thiele, Meera Varman

**Announcements:**

1. The influenza is in the community, seeing Influenza B.

**Minutes** from the October 2, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expense: None

Deposits: None

Treasury Balance: $20,865.81

Madeline Paul is a 3rd year medical student had presented her project with the pediatric clinic to improve vaccine rates especially in the high risk population such as refugees. She has submitted a request. The committee reviewed and approved this grant for a value of $500. After the project is completed Madeline is required to develop a poster presentation to present at the Annual Immunization Conference.

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

No Report

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felt

1. Bi-National Health Fair
   1. October 17, 2015 1000 people attended, 120 flu vaccines given, immunization screening also done
   2. October 14, 2015 was the women’s event; 127 flu vaccines
   3. October 13, 2015 was the senior event; 40 to 50 vaccines given
   4. Health Fair in Council Bluffs at Jennie Edmundson Hospital October 15, 2015, 50 vaccines given. All Care will probably host next year to target more the under served
2. Diabetes Event in ballroom November 14, 2015 from 8 to 12 noon. Bridget asking for assistance.
3. Joy of Life Ministry at 56th and Sorensen on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 12 noon. Linda and students will give flu vaccine which is funded through Walgreens.
4. Homeless Holy Family November 18, 2015; Creighton School of Pharmacy
5. Youth Emergency Clinic on November 24, 2014; Creighton School of Pharmacy
6. Metro South Health event scheduled November 20, 2015 from 8AM to 2 PM targeted to students who are parents.
7. Giving flu vaccines to the daycares in both North and South Omaha. Charles Drew has set up to give flu and Tdap vaccines to daycare workers.
8. Ira Combs has been a great advocate in the health in North Omaha
9. 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.

*Professional Affairs*: Leslie Thiele and Theresa Guinan

No Report

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

# John Y. McCollister, Susan Crawford and Sara Howard have agreed to support this bill. Robert Hilkemann has also indicated support.

1. Will be handing out the packet to most senators next week; will not give the Senators that are strongly against the bill.
2. Senator Bob Krist has agreed to bring the bill as priority bill, this bill will not have to start in committee; will be presented in the session hopefully earlier.
3. State of Nebraska had formed an HPV round table to discuss approach to HPV vaccine to get the data in one place with multiple player. Going to a more cancer driven approach as HPV protecting against cervical cancer

*Public Relations Committee:* Jeanne Burke and Michelle Hokanson

Jeanne is starting to develop a card to represent the task force. Will bring the card for the committee to see and will present a budget to pay for it.

Discussed having some of the information on the task force in different languages, need to start with an English information sheet on the task force.

*Conference Report:*

The 13th Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference is scheduled for June 10, 2016 at the Downtown Hilton.

Speakers

1. Dr. K. Feemster (Keynote Speaker)- Pediatric Update - Implementing HPV Vaccine Policy and Hesitancy
2. Dr. R. Kotula- Adult Immunization Update
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. Speaker not confirmed - Pharmacy Public Health Partnerships
8. Panel-Theresa Guinan (Boystown Clinic experience), Tamara Robinson (American Cancer Society) and Meera Varman (Pediatric Infectious Disease)

**Other Committee Business**

November meeting we will vote for new leadership, so we need to recruit new members for members at large. Positions that will be open are 3 members at large and the Chair Elect.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2015, 7:30 AM, Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) Conference Room, Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force