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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday October 2, 2015**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Linda Ohri, Georganna Felts, Tracey Ginger, Laura Klug, Jeanne Burke, Michelle Hokanson, Sharon Wade, Vicki J. Sunderman, Patsy Nowatzke, Jude Dean, Leslie Thiele, Mary Ann Rocha, Shirley Delair, Michael Owens, Mohammad Elhaj.

**Members Absent:** Cathy Carrico, Jane McGinty, Bridget Rolenc, Rudy Kotula, Theresa Guinan, Pat O’Hanlon

**Announcements:**

1. Linda received a Thank You Note from Don Vanden Bosch for Alicia memorial; Alicia was very involved in the ILAC (Institute for Latin American Concern) program at Creighton University. This donation will be given to the memorial fund set up by the university. ILAC is an international, Catholic, Ignatian-inspired, collaborative health care and educational organization that exists to promote the integral well-being and spiritual growth of all of its participants. Creighton has a center in the Dominican Republic and this memorial will help people with expenses to donate their time to this mission.
2. John Pawlowski from GSK, who have been an active industry contributor to the task force has accepted a new job with GSK and will no longer be active with the taskforce.

**Minutes** from the September 4, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expense: $284.48 for payment to Print Ovations for taskforce magnets

Deposits: None

Treasury Balance: $20,865.81

Madeline Paul is a 3rd year medical student presented her project with the pediatric clinic to improve vaccine rates especially in the high risk population such as refugees. She would like to get a grant to support this project. She will be asked to officially submit and will review at next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* Laura Klug

1. Suggest updating the website to promote influenza vaccine.
2. Suggest putting up the posters from the conference.

*Community Affairs:* Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felts

1. Attended a health fair on September 19 at Greater St. Paul Ministries at 5116 Terrace Drive (99th and Fort); did 21 reviews of immunizations. This was the 1st time for this event and was successful.
2. Bi-National Health Fair will be October 17, 2015 women’s event on October 14, 2015 and the senior event October 13, 2015 (will give flu vaccines). Main Event is on October 17, 2015 (Metro Community Campus), need people who are fluent in Spanish will be helpful. Adding Health Fair in Council Bluffs October 15, 2015 (will give flu vaccines)
3. Joy of Life Ministry at 56th and Sorensen contacted the committee to give flu vaccine on Saturday November 14, 2015 at their center. Linda working on flu vaccine. Vicki has a program through Walgreens that has flu vaccine
4. The Bridge to Care: Fall Health Fair, which provides health services, educational resources, and screenings to the Omaha refugee community, will be on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 10:00AM-3:15PM at Monroe Middle School.  Too many other events and probably won’t attend.

*Legislative Advocacy:* Linda Ohri

Met with Omaha senators to act as co-sponsors of the meningitis bill:

1. John Y. McCollister on Monday September 19, 2015 from 9 to 10:30 AM
2. Sara Howard on Monday September 21, 2015 from 1 to 2:30 PM

Linda shared with them a fact sheet about meningitis which was reviewed at the meeting. Via MOMS Newsletter physicians were solicited to support this bill and many have agreed to actively support this bill. Senator Bob Krist has agreed to bring the bill as priority bill, this bill will not have to start in committee.

*Professional Affairs*: Leslie Thiele and Theresa Guinan

No Report

*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:*

Conference Committee will be meeting Monday October 5, 2015.

**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.

Next meeting scheduled for November 6, 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