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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday October 4, 2013**

**7:30-9:00 AM**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Laura Klug chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Laura Klug, Sharon Plummer, Patsy Nowatzke, Georganna Felt, Bridget Rolenc, Jim Archer, Cathy Carrico, Linda Ohri, Jeanne Burke, Tracy Ginger, Michelle Hokinson, Mindy Swanson (DNP Student), Michael Owens, Sharon Wade, Shirley Delair, Vicki Sunderman

**Members Absent:** Jude Dean, Pat O’Hanlon, Jane McGinty, Katie O’Keefe

**Announcements:**

Wall Street Journal reports that CDC will not be reporting on the flu while the government is shut down

**Minutes** from the September 6, 2013 meeting approved with minor corrections.

**Treasury Report:**

Debit: 10/3/13 Printing Cost for Bi-National Health Event Handouts $178.50

10/03/13 Print Ovations, LLC (magnets with clinic information) $303.18

Deposit: None

Balance: $9,790.55

**Committee Reports:**

*Community Affairs:*

*Bi National Health Fairs* The task force will be represented at the Bi-National Health Fair. One event has been held

1. Senior Event October 2, 2013 at the Intercultural Senior Center from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bridget reported about 250 people attended, 86 screenings, (multiple screenings to include vaccine screening).
2. Children’s Event October 5, 2013 at the Boys & Girls Club South from 9 AM to 1 PM, Creighton will be giving the flu vaccines, no one under 9 years of age.
3. Women’s Night October 9, 2013 at the One World Community Health Center from 5:30 PM to 9 PM. Also giving flu shots at this event.
4. Health Fair Event October 12, 2013 at Metro Community College South Campus from 9 AM to 3 PM. Metro nursing will be giving flu vaccines.

November 22, 2013 is the Coventry Event at Metro South “Reach for the Stars”. Vaccine information will be distributed.

Creighton School of Pharmacy will be giving flu shots on November 22, 2013 at the Mexican Consulate; will be doing at least 3 more sites in North Omaha, time and place not confirmed

Bridget and Pat started daycare flu vaccine in South Omaha, also trying to reach the refugees.

Bridget is starting this week to go into North daycares, many are home daycares. Vaccines administered will be giving Tdap and flu.

*Professional Affairs:* (Chairs-Cathy Carrico and Katie O’Keefe).

11th annual Vaccine Conference is scheduled for June 6, 2014 at the Marriot at Regency and list is as follows:

1. Speakers:
   1. Dr. Chatterjee Vaccine Update and vaccine hesitancy (Confirmed)
   2. Andrea Riley Shot@Life
   3. Jimmy Khandalavala HPV and Tdap in pregnancy (Confirmed)
   4. Jill Roark from CDC has not confirmed but will present resources for professionals and vaccine hesitancy. May work out to have her Skype
   5. Dr. Rudolf J. Kotula pneumococcal for adults
   6. Lori Howell will be asked to do a state update
2. Posters display, encourage activities as well as research information

Save the Date will be going out soon.

The committee is considering again have an evening event which will be separate from the conference.

The fee structure change: physicians, pharmacist, nurse practitioners will have a slightly higher fee; nursing and medical assistants will remain low.

Katie and Cathy are developing the guidelines for approval of grants and post on web site.

*Legislative Advocacy:* (Chair-Linda Ohri)

Review of last year’s bills reviewed by Nebraska legislature.

1. LB458-Requires general acute hospitals to offer tetanus-diphtheria-Pertussis vaccinations as prescribed Passed.
2. LB459- Requires certain health care facilities to offer onsite vaccination services. Passed
3. LB460- Requires a booster meningococcal conjugate vaccine for students as prescribed. Meningococcal is not required now, this will be a school mandate. Did not get out of committee. There were many anti vaccine people present at the hearing. Only Sanofi educational person was present along with Senator Chris who presented the bill. Will watch this bill again this upcoming legislature session.

*Website:* (Chair-Sharon Plummer)

The committee is working on tutorials for maintaining web site. Laura and Jeanne are working on this task. Chip will develop videos for training purposes but will meet with committee reps.

**Other Business**

1. Revision of the by laws
2. Immunization Action Coalition request for financial supports, up the donation to $300
3. Food Services from Methodist for food for quarterly meetings, Bridget will discuss with Libby and may take out of her budget, will present at next quarterly
4. Appreciation to MOMS, last year gave the office a gift card for Panera’s will consider a similar gift.
5. Develop an ad hoc nominating committee that will include the chair, chair elect, chairs of the sub-committees. This was discussed and will be initiated this year. The committee was asked to continue to review the by-laws and will do a final review at the October steering committee with approval at the next quarterly in November.
6. Pfizer to present and information program. Julio Ramirez, MD, Professor of Medicine Chief, Infectious Diseases, University of Louisville will talk about Pneumococcal Diseases in Adults 50+: A Prevention Option for Your Patients. Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 6PM (dinner and Presentation to follow). Will be at Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse at Village Point.

Update to research projects which received research grants:

1. Jessica Moyle (DNP Student with Creighton University School of Nursing), has sent a survey to several healthcare organizations across the state. The response rate has been very good so far. The final survey date is October 21st.
2. Mindee Swanson (DNP Student with Creighton University School of Nursing), has prepared an informational presentation for the community regarding the importance of Tdap and if the education influenced their receiving of the Tdap vaccine.  This was presented at the Intercultural Senior Center and Salem Baptist church. Unfortunately, there were no attendees at this presentation, but one person was vaccinated.

Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2013, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Metro Omaha Medical Society (MOMS) office at 79th and Davenport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force