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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday October 7, 2016**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

**Omaha, NE**

*The meeting was chaired by Cathy Carrico.*

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Jeanne Burke, Cathy Carrico, Georganna Felt, Michelle Hokanson, Anne Keene, Rudy Kotula, T.J. McDougal, Pat O’Hanlon, Linda Ohri, Bridget Rolenc, Sharon Wade, Amanda Zamora

**Minutes:** The September 2, 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:** No report

**Announcements:**

Rolenc: The $100,000 budget designated for flu shots in Omaha Area Health and other underserved areas is expected to decrease to $25,000. Meanwhile, the cost of flu shots will be close to being tripled. The projected cost for flu vaccinations is $18/shot. – Sanofi Pasteur Professionals will estimate the feasibility of publicly presenting this information. The Professionals will also access the feasibility of ITF ordering/using Sanofi Pasteur flyers. – Kotula suggests creating a commercial campaign for this issue.

Carrico: Was interviewed, by Advanced Web, on immunizations. A hot topic was regarding flu-mist no longer being given to children. The general impression was that the population, as a whole, could benefit from more education on vaccinations and immunization practice.

**Committee Reports:**

*Website:* No report

*Community Affairs*: Georganna Felt / Bridget Rolenc

1. Past & Upcoming Events:

* Women’s Event: October 5th, OneWorld had a screening education table & gave flu shots at the Women’s Clinic Building from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. – The event was noted as having been successful.
* Senior’s Event: A total of 68 flu shots were given on October 6th at the Intercultural Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon. – Felt & Rolenc plan to go back to give more/finish-up providing vaccinations to the population. An unexpected outcome was some refugees not being certain of whether or not they received a flu shot while having got caught up on the required vaccinations. However, most refugees at the Senior Center were administered flu vaccinations.
* Upcoming event on the second to last Saturday of the month, October 22nd. More information about this event needed from Keene.

1. An employment center, near Center Mall, has been contacted for the committee to administer flu vaccinations before training sessions.
2. The Committee was contacted by Charles Drew to immunize at day-cares.

*Legislative Committee:* No report

*Professional Affairs*: No report

*Public Relations Committee*: Jeanne Burke / Michelle Hokanson

1. After having voiced concern over the amount of time it has taken in finalizing the implementation of transit ads, Omaha Transit Advertisers have provided us with a file of pictures for future use as well as an extra week of advertisement. Our ads will be on Omaha Transit buses beginning on Monday, October 10, 2016.
2. The Committee will request the image with the Hispanic family for use on the ITF website.

*Annual Conference Update*: Meera Varman

1. The annual conference is projected to take place on June 9, 2016. There will be no registration fee.

**Other: Discussion on New Chair-Elect and New Member at Large**

Primary Strategy: Recruit more individuals into the Steering Committee. Assess individuals’ commitment to Steering Committee.

Secondary Strategy(s): Consider coalition building for ITF recruitment (i.e. Douglas County, Pottawattamie County, Public Health Department, Departments of Infectious Diseases); Call-to-Action Letter including ITF accomplishments sent out to CEOs, Presidents at clinics, etc.

Steering Sub-Committee, Elect Possibilities: Linda Ohri (Co-Chair); Anne Keene (Community Affairs); Mike Kraus (Community Affairs); Rebecca Martinez (Member-at-Large); Laura O[trivaro?] (Member-at-Large); Sue Weston (Member-at-Large)

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2016, 7:30 AM, Methodist Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Carrico

Amanda Zamora