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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 20, 2014

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Hospital in the Nebraska Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 AM by Chair Sharon Wade.

**Introductions**

**Announcement:** Thank you to Libby Henning, Bridget Rolenc and Methodist Hospital for providing the meeting space and refreshments.

**Minutes:** The May 21, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $500 Spirit of Advocacy Award

$115.99 2 $50 gift cards for service and Thank You Cards

$138.24 Printing Expenses for Health Fairs

Deposits: 0

Balance: $ 16,086.42

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Affairs: (Chair: Georganna Felt/Bridget Rolenc)**

Health Fairs Attended:

1. June 21, 2014. Refugee Health Fair at Benson High School from 9 AM to 3 PM. Approximately 50 people were screened and given vaccine information. Plenty of interrupters were present.
2. June 28, 2014. Juneteenth Celebration parade with vaccine booth. Screened about 40 participants, participants were younger than people seen at the Black Family Health Fair.
3. August 17, 2014 Methodist Health Fair in North Omaha
4. Joy for Life Ministry Health Fair, 30-40 participants screened and given vaccine information.

Upcoming Events:

1. Binational Health Fair will be at One World the first of October; October 2 event will be specific to seniors; October 4 specific to women.
2. Will send post cards to area daycares to encourage daycare workers to be vaccinated. Low income areas will be offered to receive the Tdap and Flu. Charles Drew Center, One World (in Omaha) and All Care (in Council Bluffs) will support this effort and hold the vaccine records. Discussed entering vaccines directly into NESIIS at events. People would need to be trained but should not be a problem. Committee may consider purchasing a hot spot for web access. Will need volunteers. An email will be sent to the task force to get potential volunteers for multiple sites.

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

* Conference Report-268 attended
* Proceeds about $13,000
* CME costs will be about $4-5000
* Task Force profit will be about $8-9,000 which is a very successful profit

Two Nursing Students from Creighton University had received the task force grants last year. They were very appreciative. Their posters were displayed at the conference this year.

First planning committee for next year already held.

Pediatrician Workshop was held concerning how to get vaccine rates up particularly HPV; feedback from area pediatricians felt the workshop positively impacted their vaccine rates in their clinics.

**Legislative: (Chair: Linda Ohri)**

1. LB460 – Carryover bill that would require every student entering the seventh grade to have a meningococcal vaccine and at age sixteen to have a booster immunization containing meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This bill was postponed last year however Senator Krist may bring back to committee next legislative session. Linda had spoken with the senator’s aid and he felt this was a probable but not confirmed at this time. 22 states have a mandate but only for a single dose, Nebraska will include the recent guidance for a 2 dose regimen.
2. To find more information about these or any bills, you can go to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature page at <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>
   * + - 1. You can search for specific bills by typing the number into the upper right hand corner of the page

**Pneumococcal Guidelines**

ACIO votes to revise Adult Pneumococcal Guidelines. The recommended revisions will not be official until they are published by the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), following review and approval by the Director of the CDC and the US Department of Health and Human Services. More information can be found at [PneumococcalUpdate.com](file:///E:\PneumococcalUpdate.com).

**WEBSITE Report: Sharon Plummer**

**No Report**

1. The URL is [http://immunizenebraska.org/](http://immunizenebraska.org/%20)
   * 1. Username: ITFmember
     2. Password: immunize!

**Update of Expanded Adult Vaccines: (Lori Howell)**

The 317 funds have been expanded to include all adult vaccines. This includes all adult vaccines except for Flu vaccine this year since this needed to be pre-booked order in February and it is too late. Approximately 15 public clinics are now giving these and state continues to expand to additional public clinics, the Ponca tribe is considering being included.

Jesse Clark is now in charge of NEISIS and does plan to attend meetings.

Presentation by Sharon Wade; presented information learned when she attended the National Immunization Conference in Seattle.

Discuss getting vaccine information out on social media, discussion ensued. Possibly have a student develop a Facebook and Twitter presence.

**Next meeting** scheduled November 19, 2014, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force