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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 19, 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:** Thanks to Bridget Rolenc, Libby Henning and Methodist Hospital for providing the breakfast and refreshments for today’s meeting

**Minutes:** The November 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $ 100.00 Two table for Black Family Health Fair

Deposits: None

Balance: $ 15,195.65

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. Black Family Health and Wellness Fair will be held Saturday March 29th 2014
   1. Have had a great response on volunteers with enough to assist at the event. Creighton Operation Immunization students will participate as well.
2. Live Well Council Bluffs Family Wellness Fair will be April 26th, 2014 at Thomas Jefferson High School
   1. Bridget and Georgiana will be reaching out to volunteers for this event
3. Reminder to sign up as a volunteer for the Community Affairs committee if interested in being contacted for possible outreach events
4. Bridget Rolenc and Pat O’Hanlon continue to get Tdap vaccine to daycares.
5. Plans to complete the Tdap daycare mailings again this year.

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

1. Reminder that the Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference will be on June 6th 2014
   1. Brochures should be available soon. Be watching for these and please distribute once available.
   2. Dr. Anne Schuchat from the CDC will be a featured speaker this year.
2. Reminder to submit poster abstracts to Katie O’Keefe by May 15th 2014.
   1. Also encourage other community partners or advocates to consider submitting abstracts of the work they are doing.

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

**Bills on this year’s agenda**

* + - 1. LB619 – Carryover bill which would require each school district in Nebraska to offer sexual health education. Talking about HPV is included in this education.
      2. LB395 – Carryover bill that allows for expansion of school health clinics which could make vaccines more accessible. Priority bill from head of HHS.
      3. 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.
      4. LB859 - This bill consolidated multiple bills.
         1. Addresses influenza vaccine and requires that providers in acute care facilities offer and record who received the influenza vaccine and who did not. It does not require the employee to get the vaccine.
         2. Clarifies existing statutes by stating that the offer of immunizations is not required when there are contraindications or nationwide shortages of vaccines.
         3. Pneumococcal is tied into the bill as well requiring it to be offered during the season.
         4. Extends to acute and long term care, as well as intermediate.
         5. Also requires offer of Tdap to residents.
         6. Linda Ohri sent a letter of support to open hearing.
      5. LB887- Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act. The intent of the Wellness in Nebraska Act is to provide health care coverage to uninsured and under insured newly eligible individuals, age 19 through 65 between 0 and 133% of the Federal Poverty Limit, who are not otherwise qualified for Medicaid, through a Medicaid expansion demonstration waiver. Introduced by Kathy Campbell (with HHS) and is patterned off of Iowa’s program. Contains a wellness component where they pay up to 2% of income as premium which can be waived by participation in wellness programs
      6. 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

**WEBSITE Report: Sharon**

1. Web site is live. The URL is [http://immunizenebraska.org/](http://immunizenebraska.org/%20)
2. Website navigation was reviewed at the meeting.
3. Members only section can be found under the ITF Information Tab
   1. Click on ITF Member Login (if an error page comes up, click on “logging in”) – will work with designer to get this corrected.
      1. Username: ITFmember
      2. Password: immunize!
   2. Reminder to members that minutes will be kept here as well as contact information as it is listed in the directory. If you want to make a change to your existing contact information please contact Patsy at [PatriciaNowatzke@creighton.edu](mailto:PatriciaNowatzke@creighton.edu)
   3. The Contact tab is set up and working as well if you have questions.
   4. We welcome feedback on the functionality of the website and additions you would like to see added. Suggestions can be sent to Sharon Plummer at [sharon.plummer@cox.net](mailto:sharon.plummer@cox.net), Laura Klug at [lauraklug@creighton.edu](mailto:lauraklug@creighton.edu) or to your committee chairs.

**NESIIS Report: (Michelle Hood)**

Not available at meeting but sent a message announcing they have hired someone to fill the NMESIIS Coordinator position. His name is Jesse Clark. Michelle and Jesse will try to make it to the May quarterly meeting for formal introductions.

**Other Business:**

**Spirit of Advocacy Award**

The Steering committee has decided to start a *Spirit of Advocacy* A*ward* this year and are requesting submissions. The award is to honor those who have demonstrated exceptional public service and dedication to improving public health through immunization advocacy in their community. The awardee will be recognized at the Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference.

Further details regarding the award and the application can be found at <http://immunizenebraska.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014-Conference-Award-Nomination-FormPDF.pdf>. A word document version is also available on the website. Please submit nominations to Laura Klug at [lauraklug@creighton.edu](mailto:lauraklug@creighton.edu) by April 28th 2014.

**8:15**

Presentation Jessica Moyle and Mindee Swanson, recipients of two immunization task force grants will present their research findings. Both Jessica and Mindee are pursuing advanced nursing degrees.

**Next meeting** scheduled May 21, 2014, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital in the Nebraska Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Klug

Past-Chair, Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force