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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 18, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Hospital/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 November 18, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $310.00 Grant Award for HPV education and promotion initiative at Creighton University

$59.97 Reimburse Linda Ohri for lunch with the State Senator

$500.00 Donation to Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)

$227.23 Reimburse Linda Ohri for lunch with testifiers, copy expense and hotel room for testifier

$540.00 Testifier’s travel and reimburse missed work and childcare

Deposits: $10,781.34 Surplus from 11th Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference (6/6/14)

Balance: $23,598.99

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. November 8, 2014 at Monroe Middle School for the Bridge to Health Care; 350 participants.
2. Pat O’Hanlon and Bridget Rolenc worked on giving vaccines to daycare workers; this effort is winding down. Pat targeted the south area daycares. Bridget worked with Charles Drew to target the north area daycares. Have had better luck with flu shots than in the past.
3. Bridget Rolenc and Pat O’Hanlon administered 170 flu shots to refugees at Yates.
4. Linda Ohri and the Creighton Operation Immunization team attended the following:
   1. Planning to hold a flu clinic at the Mexican consulate but are still in need to vaccination for the event. Will continue to search for avenues to obtain this.
   2. Planning a clinic at Joy of Life Ministries church on November 22nd. Working with Bridget Rolenc to get funding for vaccine for that clinic
   3. Youth Emergency Services clinic will be done again this year. The event will be held on November 25th
5. Reach for the Stars on Friday November 21, 2014 from 9 to 3 at Metro College; this is targeting young single parents.
6. Juneteenth celebration sent an email to Georgia. They are doing an additional event next year at a library in conjunction with Juneteenth and wondering if the task force would have representation available. Georgia and Bridget will look into further details about the event.
7. February 12, 2015 HIV/AIDS Awareness day held North Omaha Community Care Council sponsored this year’s NBHAAD event, bringing over 150 community members to Omaha North High School.
8. Black Family Health& Wellness Association, Inc. 17th Annual BFHWA Health Fair*,* Saturday, March 28 2015 8AM TO 1PM AT Omaha North High School

### Cinco de Mayo Health Fair will be Sunday May 3, 2015, start time is 12 noon

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

The 2015 conference date is set for Friday June 5, 2015 at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

The task force continues to fund small grants ($500 or less); anyone is allowed to apply for a grant, the grantee is required to present a poster of the funded project at the conference. The brochure is almost ready for distribution, probably next week. The courses and presenters should make the conference another success. When the flyers are ready they will be sent on the list serve and everyone is encourage to

**WEBSITE Report: Laura Klug**

The website does not get much activity so the committee was asked to circulate to peers interested in vaccines. The leadership positions have been updated. Jill Roark’s presentation from the November quarterly is now available to view. It is under the ITF login page. Please contact Laura if you want to see additional information on our site.

Creighton University library system is willing to store presentations and posters; they would be available for others to check out and use as needed. Contact Jeannie Burke if you are interested.

The URL is [http://immunizenebraska.org/](http://immunizenebraska.org/%20)

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

Presentation concerning meningococcal disease and the vaccine mandate that is presently in the Nebraska Unicameral now. (Attached Presentation)

Discussion ensued on some ways to educate the legislatures and the community on importance of the meningococcal vaccine and a mandate would increase the vaccination rates.

**Next meeting** scheduled May 20, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital.

Sub-committee break-out session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force