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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 21, 2014

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Hospital in the Nebraska Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 AM by Chair Laura Klug

**Introductions**

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

Plaque presented to Laura Klug for her service as 2013 Chair

**Minutes:** The February 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $ 1,255.00 (reimburse Chair and Chair elect for national conference fees and airfare)

$ 55.00 (honors plaque)

Deposits: $ 3,000 (Award for Immunization education from Pfizer)

Balance: $ 16,885.65

**Committee Reports:**

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

Upcoming Health Fairs that the task force will be participating in:

1. June 21, 2014. Refugee Health Fair at Benson High School from 9AM to 3 PM, will need volunteers
2. Junes 28, 2013. Juneteenth Celebration Parade; booth will be set up along the parade route. This event celebrates the freedom of the slaves.

Plan to send a mailing to Daycares for flu and Tdap. May sent post cards to vulnerable areas by zip codes to offer vaccines to the daycare workers.

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

1. Reminder that the Annual Immunize Nebraska Conference will be on June 6th 2014
   1. Two hundred and five people are signed up: early bird dead line is this week.
   2. Dr. Anne Schuchat will not be able to attend from the CDC. Amanda Cohn, also from the CDC, is replacing Dr. Schuchat as the featured speaker this year.
   3. Encourage other community partners or advocates to consider submitting abstracts of the work they are doing. May submit even though the May 15th 2014 deadline is over
2. Month of August request government proclamation, public signing with the governor. Using this as an opportunity to educate clinics. Send out information to clinics and public access area to education professionals and general public

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

**Bills on this year’s agenda**

* + - 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 indefinitely postponed.
      2. LB859 - This bill consolidated multiple bills. Approved by Governor on April 10, 2014
         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.
      3. 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

Discuss getting advocacy at the state level, discuss meeting with state legislatures and discussing need for different vaccine protection

**WEBSITE Report: Sharon Plummer**

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

Chip (website consultant) installed a security to the web system; this cost will be $45 per year. This will be a reoccurring fee.

Will ask Chip

1. 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. 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: (Lori Howell)**

VFC ordering must now be done through the system

Expand 317 funds to include the administration of Tdap to adults, may be expanding to more.

As of May 1, 2014 NESIIS had:

1,494,384 total clients/patients in the system

11,430,130 total immunizations in the system

During April 2014, added:

8,114 new patients/clients and 88,015 immunizations to the system (the immunizations include both new-51,712 administered from inventory.

165 organizations/facilities sent data to NESIIS electronically

143 organizations/facilities entered data into NESIIS manually

Total of 308 facilities reported immunizations to NESIIS in April, 2014

The public access portal was accessed 2,058 times in th429 searches, 1,153 resulted in finding a matching record.

Additional information regarding NESIIS can be found at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/nesiis_index.aspx>

**8:15**

Pfizer’s Vaccine Preventable Disease presentation: Presentation & discussion on incidence & cost impact of vaccine preventable diseases in Nebraska.

**Next meeting** scheduled Wednesday August 20, 2014, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital in the Nebraska Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer, Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force