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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 20, 2015

 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Hospital/Centennial Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 AM by Chair Vicki Sunderman

**Introductions**

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

Thank Sharon Wade for her contribution as the Chair in 2014; awarded an appreciation plaque.

**Minutes:** The February 18, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $100.00 Black Family Health Fair (Purchased 2 tables)

 $100.00 Donation to Meningitis Angels

 $330.00 Testifiers travel and reimburse for missed work and childcare

 $52.70 Creighton University Print Center (Handouts)

 $881.92 Vicki Sunderman to reimburse hotel expense for national conference

 $25.00 Reimburse Georganna Felt for Gift given at HIV/AIDS annual conference

 $50.00 Reimburse Patsy Nowatzke for Gift Card given to MOMS for appreciation

 $100.00 Conference Registration for Manuel Bangsil and Roberta Martin (Students)

Deposits: None

Balance: $21,959.37

**Committee Reports:**

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

Events that the committee has/will be participating in:

1. Project Homeless Connect Omaha 2015 was held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Creighton University Kiewit Fitness Center.
2. Black Family Health & Wellness Association, Inc. 17th Annual BFHWA HealthFairwas held on Saturday, March 28 2015 8AM TO 1PM AT Omaha North High School

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

1. Bridge to Family Health Fair June 6, 2015.
2. World Refugee Day is observed on June 20, 2015
3. Juneteenth will be held on June 19, 2015
4. Joint Ministry Health Fair will be held July 11, 2015
5. Bi National health fair will be held on October 13 for seniors, October 14 for women and on October 17 for the general population
6. Day Care information will again be distributed to day cares to disseminate information about flu vaccine. Plan to send information out in August

Georganna Felt and Bridget Rolenc may be sending out email seeking volunteers to help with the health fairs.

Ira Combs, RN, MS is the Community Liaison Nurse Coordinator for North Omaha Area Health Inc. (NOAH) is an advocate for to the North Omaha community. The task force works closely with him to advocate vaccines. He will be going into the prison system to test for Hepatitis C and then provide education.

Medical Reserve Corp has resolved but is in the process of getting re-organized

**Professional Affairs: (Linda Ohri reported)**

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

1. 190 people registered so far (260 last year)
2. Limited tele health of the conference to Scottsbluff and Valentine
3. Good response for presenting posters; will be 10 to 11 posters
4. State will be reporting at the state level
5. Representative from the local health department for access to vaccinations
6. CDC speaker will be skyping-Donna Weaver
7. Flyers are available for distribution

**WEBSITE Report:** No Report

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

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		2. Password: immunize!

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

Meningitis legislation did pass committee last year, the committee must vote 3 times before law. The law got to second level of voting and an amendment for philosophical exemption was added so support was withdrawn. The bill is bracketed so it can come back next year; it will need only the last two levels for the vote. Plan to educate our legislators so the vote will pass. Welcome student group to assist in getting information to the legislatures and assist in any type of advocacy for vaccination.

**NEISIS Update**

Michele Hood presented an update on NEISIS (vaccine registry for the State of Nebraska). The department is working on grants to support the system and track vaccination and disease that are vaccine preventable. Increase use of electronic data exchange into the system (up to 85%) rather than manual input. A public portal available in the system and use is on the increase. The numbers of people enrolled and vaccination inputted continue to rapidly grow. The department will be working on legislation next year to mandate vaccine reporting in this system. Michelle will be participating in the conference this year. Michelle has been appointed to the National Board of Vaccination.

Conference on Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships is now open! The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis from May 25-27, 2016.

**Next meeting** scheduled Wednesday August 19, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force