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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 19, 2014

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Cancer Center

Auditorium

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 August 20, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $ 286.47 Print Ovation, LLC for Task Force Magnets

$ 624.00 Renze Display Company for Health Fair Table Cloths

$ 218.57 Creighton Printing Services for Postcards sent for the Daycare Campaign

$ 271.59 Creighton Postage Charges to mail Postcards for the Daycare Campaign

Deposits: 0

Balance: $ 14,685.79

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. Bi-national Health Fairs went well
   1. October 1 was Women’s event
   2. October 2 was Senior event
   3. October 4 was Metro Omaha event. Completed 191 screenings and ~160 flu shots given
2. A letter went to area PTA’s to assess interest for ITF membership.
3. Bridget Rolenc attended Care Health Fair November 8, 2014 at Monroe Middle School for refugees.
4. 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.
5. Bridget Rolenc and Pat O’Hanlon administered 170 flu shots to refugees at Yates.
6. Linda Ohri and the Creighton Operation Immunization team attended the following:
   1. Holy family clinic on November 4th; administered ~30 flu vaccinations.
   2. Church of Faith Arabic Ion flu vaccinations on November 9th
   3. 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.
   4. Planning a clinic at Joy of Life Ministries church on November 22nd. Working with Bridget Rolenc to get funding for vaccine for that clinic
   5. Youth Emergency Services clinic will be done again this year. The event will be held on November 25th
7. Reach for the Stars on Friday November 21, 2014 from 9 to 3 at Metro College; this is targeting young single parents.
8. 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.

**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.

**Legislative: (Chair: Patsy Nowatzke for Linda Ohri)**

Carryover bill 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 will be bringing this back to the educational committee next legislative session. The state has received input from the schools. If the bill passes it will require as of July 1, 2016 every student who has attained age 16 years would have a 2nd dose of the vaccine, this would be at grade 11th or 12th.

Linda is asking all members to consider attending this session in January and if members know of other organizations that could get representatives to come testify in favor of the bill since last year it was met with opposition and was not passed. A notification will be sent to the committee when the date and time is set. The bill does not have a number yet but this will be sent as well when the number is assigned.

* 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: Laura Klug**

**No Report**

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

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**Webinar** presented by Jill Roark, MPH, Health Communication Specialist from the CDC titled “You Are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention”

**Next meeting** scheduled February 18, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Methodist Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force