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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 18, 2015

 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Methodist Hospital/Nebraska Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 AM by Chair-elect Cathy Carrico

**Introductions**

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

Frank Peak died this past month; he was the mastermind of the Health Extravaganza which was a yearly event for about 14 years that provided physicals, dental exams and many other health screenings. The task force was very involved in this event. Suggest if anyone would like to send memorial would suggest a donation NOHA (Network on Humanitarian Action), Ira Combs is a health leader in North Omaha and is like Frank in his passion for improving health in his community.

Faculty from UNO requested that a student is doing a project on immunizations and asks if anyone willing to be interviewed to contact her; interview would take up to an hour.

**Minutes:** The August 19, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expenses: $ 50.00 Memorial for Alicia Vanden Bosch, an active ITF member who died.

 $ 284.48 ITF Magnets for health fairs

 $ 500 will be issued to a Creighton University Medical School student who applied for a grant for a project to improve vaccines in general. The Steering committee approved at the November meeting.

Deposits: None

Balance: $20,365.81

**Committee Reports:**

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

Events that the committee has/will be participating in:

1. Bi-National Health Fair
	1. October 17, 2015 1000 people attended, 120 flu vaccines given, immunization screening also done
	2. October 14, 2015 was the women’s event; 127 flu vaccines , 125 screened
	3. October 13, 2015 was the senior event; 40 to 50 vaccines given
	4. Health Fair in Council Bluffs at Jennie Edmundson Hospital October 15, 2015, 50 vaccines given.
2. Joy of Life Ministry at 56th and Sorensen on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 12 noon. Linda and students will give flu vaccine which is funded through Walgreens.
3. Homeless Holy Family today November 18, 2015; Creighton School of Pharmacy
4. Youth Emergency Clinic on November 24, 2014; Creighton School of Pharmacy
5. Giving flu vaccines to the daycares in both North and South Omaha. Charles Drew has set up to give flu and Tdap vaccines to daycare workers.
6. Reach for Stars Friday November 20, 2015.
7. NOHA (Network on Humanitarian Action). Ira Combs has been a great advocate in the health in North Omaha and Bridget has helped with vaccines-empowerment network, open door mission, several more events to target homeless population
8. Pat reports that a Mayan specific health fair is in the planning phase. Scheduled for February 20, 2015 from 10 to 2 at One World. Hope to give Tdap and flu vaccines.

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

Mandate for Meningococcal Vaccine will again come before the legislation; the bill includes the mandate for the second dose. Some of the surrounding states (23 states in the country) have some mandates; Iowa does not.

Everyone should send their senator a letter to support this bill. Linda has put together a fact package that has been sent to senator’s offices. 3 stories included in the packet about young adults who have died. The letter should stress that the disease is not just for the college age students. Initial vaccine should be given at age 11, 12 with a booster at age 16. Linda will send out the fact sheet, target time to send to senators is the first week in December.

John Y. McCollister, Susan Crawford and Sara Howard have agreed to support this bill and will be working with Senator Bob Krist who is the main sponsor of the bill.

NMA has supported this bill and will make recommend as an association support of the bill.

**Professional Affairs: (Teresa Guinan and Leslie Thiele)**

No Report

**WEBSITE Report: (**Chair: Laura Klug)

No report

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

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**Public Relations Report:** (Chair: Jeanne Burke)

This is a new committee to support work of the task force. The committee plans to do the Government proclamation, educational materials and recruitment to taskforce.

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

Immunize Nebraska Conference Scheduled for June 10, 2016 at the Hilton downtown.

Jason Archuleta with present a Meningococcal B update information

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force