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**Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday September 4, 2015**

**MOMS Conference Room**

**Tower Professional Park, 7906 Davenport Street**

Vicki Sunderman chaired the meeting

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Linda Ohri, Cathy Carrico, Tracey Ginger, Rudy Kotula, Laura Klug, Pat O’Hanlon, Jeanne Burke, Michelle Hokanson, Jeremy Gilfry, Madeline Paul, Sharon Wade, Shirley Delair, Vicki J. Sunderman, Meera Varman, Patsy Nowatzke, Jude Dean

**Members Absent:** Sharon Plummer, Jane McGinty, Bridget Rolenc, Georganna Felts, Leslie Thiele

**Announcements:**

1. Coalition will have their National Conference call which Vicki will be able to attend, if anyone else is interested contact Vicki.
2. Dr. Kotula will be presenting a talk on “Options for Influenza Prevention: An Influenza Vaccine for Older Adults” for Sanofi Pasteur. Will be sent to the task force.
3. Dr. Stephen Lazoritz, a past medical director of Children’s Hospital and is now medical director Arbor Health Plan, a Medicaid managed care organization operating in 83 rural Nebraska counties. His concern is with the low vaccination in rural Nebraska. He has been in contact with Cathy Carrico and she will invite him to the next quarterly meeting
4. Dr. Meera went to the Mexican Consulate to talk about vaccines

Madeline Paul is a 3rd year medical student who is working in the pediatric clinic to improve vaccine rates especially in the high risk population such as refugees. Discussion ensued about ways to improve vaccination rates

**Minutes** from the August 7, 2015 meeting approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Expense: $50 Memorial for Alicia Vanden Bosch (ITF Member) who died of cancer

Deposits: None

Treasury Balance: $21,150.29

**Committee Reports:**

*Website: Laura Klug:*

1. Fixed the problems that was address at the last meeting
2. Working on getting more history of the task force available
3. Link flu campaign information
4. Cathy suggests that some contact information be put on the web site, as of now the names of the chairs are up on the website.

*Community Affairs: Bridget Rolenc and Georganna Felts*

1. Bi-National Health Fair will be October 17, 2015 women’s event on October 14, 2015 and the senior event October 13, 2015 (will give flu vaccines). Main Event is on October 17, 2015, need people who are fluent in Spanish will be helpful. Adding Health Fair in Council Bluffs (will give flu vaccines)
2. Creighton School of Pharmacy will have internal and external flu clinics.
3. Walgreens will have extra doses of flu vaccine (possibly 1000 doses).
4. Magnets for Health Fair have been ordered.

*Professional Affairs*:

Theresa Guinan and Leslie Thiele have agreed to chair the professional committee.

Will focus on professional education both

*Conference Report: Meera Varman*

The post-conference meeting and first planning committee meeting for this year was held August 31st at 3:30 pm at MOMS.

Suggestions for topics for conference:

1. Immunization in immunosuppressed population-both Pediatric and Adult Medicine (maybe a table of tools to assist practitioners)
2. Travel Vaccines
3. School Requirements vs CDC Recommendation vs Routine Vaccines (speakers from the state) Potential speaker would be Rebecca Martinez from the state.

*Legislative Advocacy: Linda Ohri*

Analysis of data of meningeal vaccine rates in states that mandate compared to exemption states; may be able to publish results. Have not started working with the senators.

Sent letter to Michelle Hood about moving a mandate to have all providers use NEEIS.

*Public Relations Committee:*

Jeanne Burke and Michelle Hokanson have agreed to co-chair this committee. Mission is to manage media coverage and events, as well as annual tasks such as the Governor’s Proclamation for immunization month, etc.

**Other Committee Business**

Laura Klug was contacted on SMART Health Claims, work with coalitions but seems more for health departments to bill for vaccines.

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Nowatzke

Secretary/Treasurer

Metro Omaha Immunization Task Force