

New Jersey Immunization Network
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2016

Attendees

<u>In-Person:</u>	Kendra Julien	Maureen Kelsey, MA
Kristin Ominsky	Diane Carroll	
Margaret Fisher, MD	Emily Haines, BSN, RN	<u>Via Teleconference:</u>
Denise DeYoung	Judy Miller, MS, RN	Pauline Thomas, MD
Lawrence Frenkel, MD	Candida Taylor	John Moore, DO
Thomas Wysocki	Justine Legbedze	Seema Shah, RN-BC
Steven Bors	Bhavani Sathya, MPH	Allison Portney
Halima Dumas, MPH	Michael Cestare, MPH	Stephanie Smith
Jennifer Smith, MPH	Lindsay Caporrino	Joseph Tarallo, RPH
Jill Castner	Peter Wenger, MD	Sandra Tarallo, RPH
Helaine Levine, MD	Barbara Montana, MD, MPH,	
Sharol Lewis, MD	FACP	

Welcome and Introductions

Director, Diane Carroll opened meeting at 12:30pm. Introductions of those present were followed by those present via teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 23, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Director Update

NJIN and NJIIS to exhibit at NJAAP Annual Meeting on May 11th at the Palace at Somerset

- Dr. Melinda Wharton from CDC to speak in May at NJAAP Annual Meeting; meet with NJIN officers, others
- NJIN had teleconference with Dr. Anushua Sinha from Rutgers School of Public Health to discuss vaccination program ideas for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation opportunity: Global ideas for U.S. solutions; NJIN researching proposal ideas
- *I Raise the Rates* project moving forward, MedConcert platform up and running; practices are beginning to enter baseline data, beginning projects and PDSAs
- Case discussion: Anti-vaccine film pulled from Tribeca Film Festival
 - Many professionals from the medical community participated in online discussions
 - A concerted effort with unified and prompt response from the vaccine and medical community caused pressure for film to be pulled. Response and advocacy efforts signify change in communication infrastructure, led by Immunization Action Coalition
 - Message was presented with a unified, positive voice with forceful communication
 - Shifted focus to finding true cause of Autism, seizing opportunity to challenge disease

NJDOH Update

- Halima Dumas provided an update on CDC's Federal contract: VFC has taken HPV-2 – Cervarix off of ordering service with HPV-9 now available for ordering in its place; also discontinued ordering HPV-4
- National Infant and Child Immunization Week (NIIW) April 16-23rd
 - Press release to go out through communications office; NJ DOH to send messages, along with NJIN
- Jennifer Smith to provide presentation to CJFHC Home Visitation Program community health workers
- Protect Me With 3+ posters now available; brought to NJSNA, NJIN; more available at NJ DOH offices
- Steve Bors reported on personnel change for VPD program, and personnel: Denise DeYoung is the new grants coordinator
- Surveillance update: Rutgers University bacterial meningitis cases reported as serogroup B. No other illnesses have been reported; case is considered closed with surveillance for additional cases to continue for 6 months

Presentation: Awareness to Action: Timeliness of Influenza Administration at Coventry Family Practice a Community Based Family Medicine Residency Practice Using a PDSA Cycle Quality Improvement Approach

Presented by Helaine Levine, MD - Assistant Director of Pediatrics – St. Luke's Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, NJ

- A general discussion on the presentation and population served by intervention followed
- Phillipsburg's population mostly low-income, white, rural
- Pediatric care in Phillipsburg scarce, with most Medicaid patients going to St. Luke's for care; few patients have regular insurance
- Influenza vaccine efficacy not near where it should be, however, patients need to understand to err on the side of caution and receive vaccine each year

OTHER BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm

Next meeting: April 13, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cestare, MPH