

**New Jersey Immunization Network
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016**

Attendees

Via Teleconference:

Doris Wood
Marlene Dolan, RN
Halima Dumas, MPH
Vanessa Wills, RN, BSN
Jean Smalley

In-Person:

Karen Renna
Diane Carroll
Michael Cestare, MPH
Bhavani Sathya, MPH
Anthony Papariello, Pharm D
Tom Wysocki
Stefanie Schmitz
Joanne Jablonski
Emily Haines, BSN, RN
Barbara Montana, MD, MPH
Lori Boyle, APN-C
Dorothy Miller
Justine Legbedze

Judy Miller, MS, RN
Michelle Monnier
Maureen Kelsey, MA
Patricia Kaiser
Monica Adduci
Jill Castner
Jenish Sudhakaran, MPH
Jennifer Smith, MPH
Larry Frenkel, MD
Maria Lanzi, APN, MPH
Sindy Paul, MD, MPH, FACPM
Ronald Grunstra
Alan Weller, MD
Michelle Menna, MD, MPH
Adam Bloomfield

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 January 20, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Director Update

- The Adult Immunization Sourcebook with CME activities has been distributed across the State, high demand for copies that are left
- NJIN partnering with National Improvement Partnership Association and Academic Pediatrics Association on MOC-approved NIPA QI project to increase adolescent HPV Vaccine Rates; recruited 22 practices and 25 pediatricians to date, the most of any state participating in project.

- NJIN is getting ready for the I Raise the Rates champion training in Key Largo, FL set for Feb 26-28th. Providers from VNA, Horizon BCBS, Meridian, Barnabas, Aetna, Capital Health and St. Francis will all be in attendance, along with Florida champions.
- NJIN Steering Committee Retreat set for April 7th from 4-7pm at NJAAP offices; a short questionnaire to go out asking about NJIN priorities and collaboration for 2016 prior to retreat.

Working Group Updates

Adult Immunization and Adolescent Immunization workgroups are both in need of chairperson.

Infant/Childhood Immunization: Dr. Larry Frenkel reports that focus areas include professional education, lay education, NJIIS and legislation. Some suggestions:

- Professional: target specific VPD rather than all, look at NIS data for NJ and try to improve birth dose Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A and rotavirus
- Public: social media
- On last call, talked about developing an APP for lay audiences on vaccines; provider education still a looming topic
- Could use CHOP App or IPOC as to not reinvent the wheel
- Alan Weller mentioned a web-based app as part of previous immunization meeting, toolkit for providers on how to address hesitancy – can share with group

NJDOH Update

- Protect-me-with 3 in final stages, winners selected and will be posted on website; up for votes next week (200+ submissions this year)
- DOH updating new materials, planning for national infant immunization week

Presentation –

[Vaccine Hesitancy and Refusal](#)

Presented by Peter Wenger, MD

Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist, St. Peter's University Hospital

Comments after presentation suggest the need for discussion on two vaccines:

- 1) Pertussis – there is a need for a better vaccine
- 2) Influenza – there is a need for a better vaccine; grants coming from CDC address data analysis related to better quality

There was a general consensus that vaccine techniques have improved over the years and better vaccines are being developed. Nurses are continuously interested and engaged in vaccine-related issues. Home care institutions have shared information on both of the abovementioned vaccines.

Consensus that NJIN endorses all levels of providers getting involved in vaccine education.

The CDC has an excellent website on vaccine hesitancy for providers; immunize.org also a good resource.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm

Next meeting: March 23, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cestare, MPH