

**New Jersey Immunization Network
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016**

Attendees

Via Teleconference:

Helen Homeier, RN
Doris Wood
Glen Fowling
Steven Bors
Jillian Doss-Walker
Candida Taylor
Brian Tomko
John Moore, DO
Patrick J. Crowley
Maryellen Marek, RN

In-Person:

Diane Carroll
Michael Cestare, MPH
Fran Gallagher, Med
Marlene Dolan, RN
Bhavani Sathya, MPH
Noelle Bessette
Anthony Papariello, PharmD
Milibeth Castro
Tom Wysocki
Stefanie Schmitz
Joanne Jablonski
Mary Ann Makary
Emily Haines, BSN, RN
Judy Miller, MS, RN
Michelle Monnier
Maureen Kelsey, MA
Halima Dumas, MPH
Patricia Kaiser
Monica Adduci
Jill Castner
Jenish Sudhakaran, MPH
Jennifer Smith, MPH
Larry Frenkel, MD
Maria Lanzi, APN, MPH
Sindy Paul, MD, MPH, FACPM

Welcome and Introductions

Director, Diane Carroll opened meeting at 12:36pm. Introductions of those attendees present were followed by those present via teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written: motion made by Maria Lanzi with second by Dr. Sindy Paul.

NJDOH Update

VPD: Jeni Sudhakaran commented that many of the issues presented to her office are regarding providers who may be unfamiliar with current vaccine schedules. Ongoing professional education very important. Discussion followed of how best to reach NJ providers. Suggestion by Maria Lanzi to utilize licensing agencies for comprehensive list of providers.

'Protect Me with 3", adolescent immunization awareness campaign is now open. Video and poster contest is for middle and high school students. Vaccines include HPV, Tdap, meningococcal conjugate and influenza. Non-English materials continue to be developed.

NJIS: Bhavani Sathya reports department is changing to Outlook email and addresses will reflect change. name.name@DOH.NJ.gov is new format.

Re-write for NJIS progressing as planned and interface enrollments by providers continue. Steering meetings are conducted in webinar format and anyone interested is invited to join. More pharmacies are enrolling. Many are corporate chains; there are 69 to date.

For inclusion in NJIS consent must be obtained if born prior to 1/1/1998; NJDOH language should be utilized when obtaining consent.

Education: Jennifer Smith – immunization chart-let which outlines NJ required vaccines is being updated; National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is April 16-23, 2016 and hopes to collaborate with Infant/Child Workgroup for ideas on how to mark the occasion.

VFC: Halima Dumas reported: Adult/317 influenza vaccine is available; Pentacel vaccine subject to limited allocation but single antigens (DTaP, polio, Hib) are available.

Surveillance: Nicole Besette: suspect measles cases and pertussis clusters are currently under investigation. Pertussis suspects involve middle and high school students and one family who is not vaccinated. Dr. Wenger commented that PCR for pertussis better diagnostic tool than culture.

Director Update

Diane thanked Marlene Dolan for her service as NJIN Secretary. Proposed slate of new NJIN officers presented:

Chair: Peter Wenger, MD

Vice Chair: Meg Fisher, MD; Maria Lanzi, APN, MPH

Secretary/Treasurer: Open

Member-at Large: John Moore, DO

Slate was moved by Dr. Sindy Paul with second by Dr. Allan Weller. With no additional nominations vote was taken and unanimously passed. Congratulations to new officers.

Dr. Wenger thanked NJIN members for their confidence in him to serve as Chair.

Working Group Chairs:

Infant/Children Immunization: Larry Frenkel, MD

Adult Immunization: Open

Adolescent Immunization: Open

Diane will pursue candidates to fill open positions.

Diane spoke of NJIN activities: NJIN's many accomplishments over past year: new faces, increased interest and awareness of NJIN; increased HCW vaccination efforts. NJIN website has many tools for providers; feedback/input about these is welcome.

Adult Immunization Workgroup reconvenes in February; looking for Chair of this group. White paper from November 2015 Adult Immunization Summit soon to be released.

NJIN will be coordinator for "I Raise the Rates" in NJ. Practices who vaccinate adults may be able to participate.

Mini ID conference to be explored. May be Spring 2016 event. Both pediatric and adult practitioners will be part of the discussion.

Retreat for steering committee members will be planned in the near future.

2016 meeting dates were presented for membership review. No scheduled meetings July and December

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; note communicability of diseases and when herd immunity achieved
- Lay: social media
- NJIIS: re-write is on-going; Bhavani Sathya welcomes any input and invites anyone who is interested to join steering calls
- Legislation: major changes unlikely pre-election

Presentation –

Presented by Sunanda Gaur, MD

Professor Of Pediatrics Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

[*Preventing Global Travel Associated Infections*](#)

Comments after presentation suggest future program to educate providers to make travel vaccine information and recommendations a routine part of patient care. High percentages of patients seen in NJ are foreign born and return often to home country as visiting friends and relatives (VFR).

Yellow fever vaccine administrators in NJ are now required to be trained in NJIS.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at: 2:15pm

Next meeting: February 17, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Dolan, BSN, RN