

**New Jersey Immunization Network  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2016**

**Attendees**

<u>In-Person:</u>	Peter Wenger, MD	Patricia Kaiser
Denise DeYoung	Maureen Kelsey, MA	
Lawrence Frenkel, MD	Karen Renna	<u>Via Teleconference:</u>
Thomas Wysocki	Nancy Rosenthal	Barbara Montana, MD, MPH
Sharol Lewis, MD	Ron Grunstra	Jill Castner
Diane Carroll	Renee Lassiter	Diana Robinson
Judy Miller, MS, RN	Halima Dumas	Kendra Julien
Bhavani Sathya, MPH	Justine Legbedze	John Moore, DO
Michael Cestare, MPH	Adam Bloomfield, MD	Kendra Julien
Jeni Sudhakaran, MPH	Alan Weller, MD	Emily Haines, BSN, RN

**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 May 18, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**Director Update**

- Michael Cestare and John Moore attended the NJAFP conference in Atlantic City June 10-11<sup>th</sup>; lots of interest from family physicians, and feedback from many providers
- Welcome - Tina Robinson, new NJAAP staff member, NJIN administrative assistant
- Notes about NJIN Retreat:
  - General consensus that the current committee structure works, and to keep vaccine targets in focus
  - Talked about health of organization and the ongoing need for better data and improved communications targeted at the needs of our audiences. A focus on expanding collaborations with other organizations is very important for success on a large scale.
  - Political support key: right now there are not enough votes to bring vaccine exemptions to Assembly floor, future opportunities to influence policy need to be examined
  - Consensus that building organizational diversity key
- HPV vaccine high on network agenda; a multi-stakeholder meeting with Dr. Melinda Wharton of CDC is being scheduled for July to discuss the need for data sharing, identifying community needs, and aligning stakeholder interest
- Small HPV QI grant opportunity with National AAP coming down the line; many small QI projects being funded, but how might NJIN or others bring them to scale to have a bigger impact?

- Adult Committee created survey, distributed to attendees of the 2015 Adult Summit, several good ideas came from feedback, and plans for a 2017 conference are under way
- *I Raise the Rates* off to a great start; projects are under way from teams; Capital Health team created standing orders with the help of Assemblyman Conaway (who also put in a resolution to designate August as Adult Immunization Month in NJ), are having team huddles, and have already increase Tdap vaccinations from 5.4 to 18.8% in a few short months; Pneumococcal vaccine has nearly doubled
- Diane, Mike, Peter, Fran as well as Emily Haines and Steve Bors and Denise DeYoung from NJDOH attended the National Conference for Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships in Indianapolis, conference highlighted the role of coalitions in increasing vaccine rates, and showcased interesting projects and initiatives from other State coalitions

## Committee Updates

### Infant and Child

- Committee is focused on grand rounds for April '17 on Pertussis, Influenza, and Hep B birth dose vaccines at NJ teaching hospitals
- Dr. Frenkel and others to give grand rounds lectures, planning to begin summer/fall
- NJIN to put in application for supplemental funding to address Hep B vaccine issues
- Seeking partnership with Sue Wang and others on provider and parent education initiatives
- Mike, Diane, Jeni and Jennifer meeting to discuss interactive CME activity based on survey questions on ACIP recommendations, childhood immunizations, and vaccine storage and handling

## NJDOH Update

- News and updates about Rutgers Meningococcal B outbreak being disseminated through networks
- Strategy on outbreak control being developed: new/returning Rutgers students will receive two doses of vaccine before returning to campus. Insured students will receive care from private doctors or local pharmacies
- Outbreak overrides insurance barriers, all students must receive vaccine; one month latency period needed before switching products (not interchangeable); currently recommending three full-dose series
- Protect me with 3+ campaign website likely to be translated to Spanish

- CARV chart currently being updated, with review in September
- HPV educational materials targeting youth to soon be developed, as well as NIAM promotions
- VFC: closed ordering for flu vaccine, 2016-17 vaccine being developed; all providers should stop administering 2015-16 flu vaccine on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Lakewood Resource and Referral Center awarded VPD grant

#### **NJIS Update**

- NJIS rewrite making progress, a more detailed description will be available during NJIS Steering Committee meeting, encourage all to attend

#### **Presentation: VACCINES AGAINST ARTHROPOD-BORN VIRUSES: YELLOW FEVER, ZIKA, DENGUE, ETC.**

Presented by Lawrence Frenkel, MD, Chair of the NJIN Infant and Child Subcommittee;  
Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Microbiology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine;  
Member, Dept. of Immunology, Allergy, Infectious Diseases at The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital

A discussion followed about mosquito prevalence in the U.S., and booster for yellow-fever vaccine

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm  
Next meeting: August 17, 2016  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Cestare, MPH