

**New Jersey Immunization Network
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2016**

Attendees

Via Teleconference:

Candida Taylor
Pauline Thomas, MD
Marlene Dolan, BSN, RN
Judith Schmidt
Patricia Kaiser
Elizabeth Zaremski, MPH
Barbara Montana, MD, MPH, FACP

In-Person:

Kristin Ominsky	Wendy Lazarus
Margaret Fisher, MD	Louis Delgadillo, BSW
Anthony Papariello, PharmD	Justine Legbedze
Maria Lanzi, APN, MPH	Brian Tomko
Lawrence Frenkel, MD	Bhavani Sathya, MPH
Thomas Wysocki	Monica Adduci
Michelle Monnier	Jenish Sudhakaran, MPH
Halima Dumas, MPH	Michael Cestare, MPH
Sindy Paul, MD, MPH, FACPM	Lindsay Caporrino
Sharol Lewis, MD	Peter Wenger, MD
Kendra Julien	Amanda Medina-Forrester
Diane Carroll	
Emily Haines, BSN, RN	
Maureen Kelsey, MA	
Judy Miller, MS, RN	
Ronald Gunstra	

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 February 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Director Update

- Membership approved the nomination on Emily Haines, BSN, RN from the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern NJ
- The webinar on HPV, given by Margaret Fisher, MD on March 21, 2016 proved to be a great platform for outreach and coverage - over 125 registrants
 - Partnered with the New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Cape May/Atlantic Health Coalition, and Stockton University
 - To be posted on NJIN website – CME, CNE, and CE credits awarded
- NJIN will exhibit materials at the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) meeting on May 11, 2016 – looking for help in staffing table
- Michael Cestare, MPH presented a funding opportunity through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - A global idea that must have potential to be adapted to work in the United States
 - \$50,000-\$250,000 for up to 18 months
 - Discussion on relevant vaccine-related ideas:
 - Anusha Sinha, colleague of Peter Wenger, MD, focuses on international vaccines
 - Rwanda introduced HPV to school-based clinics – 95% uptake in 1.5 years
 - Civil Society organizations should be written into the grant – to deliver vaccines to difficult-to-reach populations (model: Gavi Vaccine Alliance)
 - Annual flu vaccine would be ideal – develop a program to have grandparents, and therefore grandchildren, get vaccinated
 - Work the SANTI organization
 - Follow the models of European counties who have good vaccination rates like Norway and Finland

Working Group Updates

Infant Childhood Immunization: Lawrence Frenkel, MD is creating a campaign to spread awareness of the low birth dose rate of Hepatitis B in NJ:

- Currently in review

- Suggestions include a CME article in *NJ Pediatrics* publication, traveling educational program in conjunction with the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health, and posting a list of websites on the NJIN website

NJDOH Update

- Working with Rutgers University on a meningitis case
- The Protect Me with 3 Campaign had an increased total of 215 submissions – Jenish Sudhakaran, MPH shows the finalist videos (5-12 graders)
 - www.protectmewith3.com
- VFC: most brands of flu vaccine are still available – to be more stringent on Pentacel allocation

Presentation –

Vaccine Hesitancy, Part 2 - Talking about Vaccines

Presented by Diane Carroll

Director of the New Jersey Immunization Network

There was a general consensus against speaking to the “general public” at large, and to think of it as a discussion with an individual. Telling stories would be beneficial, as well as using images, active listening, and therefore connecting the dots for the individual/audience.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm

Next meeting: April 13, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Caporrino