

**New Jersey Immunization Network
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016**

Attendees

<u>In-Person:</u>	Judy Miller, MS, RN	Monica Adduci
Margaret Fisher, MD	Bhavani Sathya, MPH	Karen Renna
Denise DeYoung	Michael Cestare, MPH	Fran Gallagher, Med
Lawrence Frenkel, MD	Jeni Sudhakaran, MPH	Nancy Rosenthal
Thomas Wysocki	Lindsay Caporrino	
Sindy Paul, MD, MPH	Peter Wenger, MD	<u>Via Teleconference:</u>
Sue Wang, MD, MPH	Maureen Kelsey, MA	Stephanie Schmitz
Sharol Lewis, MD	Dorothy Miller	Sudha Sharma
Diane Carroll	Marlene Dolan, BSN, RN	Kendra Julien
Emily Haines, BSN, RN	Anthony Papariello	Nancy Rosenthal, LCSW

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 April 13, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Director Update

- NIPA, *I Raise the Rates* initiatives all running well; Practice teams are implementing projects
- NJIN leadership had a conversation with Melinda Wharton, MD, MPH, Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at CDC on HPV prevention efforts in New Jersey, will likely make a visit in July for further discussion
- Adult Committee has been talking of a reprise of the Adult Immunization Summit, survey to participants will go out shortly asking what priorities should be for adult immunization, and the value of summit
- Two grant opportunities are available from AAP National: CQN for early childhood vaccination, and another national quality improvement program to increase HPV vaccination rates
- Mike attended ID conference, good turnout generated some interest in NJIN, and provided materials to members
- Peter Wenger highlighted takeaways from the Steering Committee retreat, including the need for more diverse professional representation

NJDOH Update

- Pentacel shortage update: Order placed for Pediarix or Antigens – small dose amounts not enough for offices
- Jeni Sudhakaran highlighted the importance of provider education; providers interchanging vaccine products, and falling short because they are administering prior to 6 months of age
- Communication with pediatricians in NJ an issue, too many combination vaccines are out now; schedules are easily attainable
- There is a need for more affordable products specificity, and an end to preference for one vaccine over another
- Sindy Paul cited importance of VFC citations, better communication with pediatricians, Hep B dose logo, proper resources
- There is a recurrent issue with providers needing guidance, topics differ, along with effective techniques

Presentation: Giving Birth to the End of Hepatitis B: Preventing Perinatal Hepatitis B Transmission

Presented by Sue Wang, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Center for Asian Health at Saint Barnabas Medical Center

A discussion followed about the issue of barriers to screening; screening bias; and education. Larry Frenkel suggested that Dr. Wang contact Sunanda Guar regarding South Asian intervention.

Sindy Paul stressed the importance of education for providers, and the Joint Commission standards.

Dr. Wang reinforced the fact that behavior change is difficult when there is a lack of a perceived problem, and that setting expectations becomes increasingly difficult. Dr. Wang supports NJIN's efforts and is open to future collaboration.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm

Next meeting: June 15, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cestare, MPH