**Chester County Immunization Coalition Accomplishments – 2017**

Bimonthly meeting presentations –

January – Local physician Dr. Laura Offutt presented a teen health resource [www.realtalkwithdroffutt.com](http://www.realtalkwithdroffutt.com) and spoke about PA Teen Health Week.

March– Christopher Altman, Rite Aid Regional Pharmacy Manager, presented immunization practice guidelines followed by Rite Aid pharmacists in PA.

May– Colleen Nguyen from Boston Children’s Hospital presented www.vaccinefinder.org

July– Special programming for school nurses regarding changes in school immunization regulations, to be presented by Alexandra McFall, PA DOH. Continuing education to be offered to PASNAP members.

September – Annual Immunization Education Program to be held at the Downingtown Country Club. Presenters will be ECBT and Diane McGowan from Martin’s Flu Foundation.

November – TBD

In January, 28 Chester County Health Department staff members watched the documentary, Someone You Love, the HPV Epidemic, for which continuing education credits were available for nurses. Additionally, the video was loaned out to school nurses who watched it during an in-service day.

Also in January, CCIC collaborated with the MPH Student Advisory Board to show a screening of the film, *Hilleman, a Perilous Quest to Save the World’s Children,* at the student union at West Chester University. The film’s director and one of its writers, Donald Mitchell, attended the showing and spoke with the audience afterward.

A CCIC “pharmacy project” subcommittee was formed in 2017 with the goal to address access to vaccine services in Chester County. Immunization access was a need described in a 2016 Chester County Health Department Immunization Landscape Survey. The group decided to leverage an existing database, [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org). The subcommittee reported an initial fact finding conversation between NACCHO, VaccineFinder.org, CDC and CCHD where they learned about the database and marketing material available. The group then developed a three-pronged approach to utilizing the website: promote the website to vaccinating pharmacies and travel medicine clinics to ensure a robust list of providers is represented and information is current; promote the website to physicians who can use the website to refer patients for vaccines not carried in the primary care office; and promote the website to the public. The approach to the public includes messaging that vaccines are not just for children, learn about recommended vaccines via the vaccinefinder website link to the CDC vaccine quiz, speak with primary care provider about vaccines and refer to vaccinefinder.org to find an immunization provider near them .

The CCIC non-governmental Facebook page receives regular postings on the latest immunization news and CCIC projects.

Weekly email from CCIC president to members with links to resources and immunization updates.

National Infant Immunization Week activities in April:

* Coloring pages activity, book reading and visit by Chester to licensed daycares. Student nurses from Villanova wore the Chester costume.

CCIC display table at the PA Immunization Conference at the Harrisburg Hilton planned for June.