



Bucks County Immunization Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, August 28th, 2019

9:00 – 11:00AM

Almshouse Building located at Neshaminy Manor Center, 4th Floor
1282 Almshouse Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901
(Behind the Bucks County Health Department)

Co-Chairs: Char Bendas, RN, MCM, Bucks County Health Department (temporary), Sierra Pellechio, BS, CHES, Hepatitis B Foundation

Secretary: Eileen McLaughlin

Treasurer: Char Bendas, RN, MCM (temporary)

In attendance: Harold Pochik (Bucks County Medical Reserve Corp), Maria Frankenfield (CHOP Newtown), Charla Bendas (BCHD), Andrea Kauffman (BCHD), Eileen McLaughlin (BCHD), Lynne Timby (Sanofi), Jeremy Hoffman (Merck), Abdul Bilal (Pfizer), Sierra Pellechio (Hepatitis B Foundation)

AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions (Sierra)
 - *Welcome new immunization coordinator, Andrea Kauffman! She will be phasing in as the new co-chair of BCIC in the coming months.*
2. Health Department flu drive (Harold)
 - *Flu drive was earlier this year (all drives in September)*
 - *There was some group discussion around the timing of these drives, as the ideal time of vaccination has been said to be at the end of October/Early November. Health Department may have pushed them earlier to improve numbers from last year.*
 - *Over 1,500 attendees across 3 flu drives in Bucks County*
3. Fall conference updates (Maria and Sierra)
 - Eventbrite registration
 - *We have 33 registrants, hoping to attract nursing students from area colleges. Maria, Lynne and Sierra are going to reach out this week.*
 - *There was group discussion around why registration may be low for this event: thinking late promotion, fee and difficulties having employer pay could be contributors*
 - *Group agreed we will aim for 1 conference per year and focus on a fall dinner conference for October 2020 at Bucks County Community College and offer nursing CEs and Act 48. Lynne is going to help find a lead on getting Act 48. Eileen will work on securing space at BCCC.*
 - Table vendors
 - *Vendors will be Merck, Pfizer, Sanofi, PA Polio, Council of Southeast PA*
4. Spring conference
 - Interest and volunteers for subcommittee
 - *Group came to the consensus that we will aim for a fall 2020 dinner conference instead since dinners seem to be more well-attended*
 - *Subcommittee volunteers: Lynne, Jeremy, Maria, Eileen*
5. Additional items/partner updates
 - *We have interest from a student group at Pennsbury High School who wants to volunteer with the coalition, we're excited about potentially integrating vaccine education into the schools. Will keep you updated.*