



Bucks County Immunization Coalition Meeting

January 23rd, 2019

9:00 – 11:00AM

4th Floor Almshouse Building, Bucks County Health Department

Co-Chairs: Char Bendas, Health Department
Sierra Pellechio, Hepatitis B Foundation

Secretary: Eileen McLaughlin, Health Department
Treasurer: Char Bendas, TBD

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Sierra at 9:15.

Open discussion regarding restructure of BCIC committee by having positions Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The group agreed that Sierra and Char will serve as co-chairs with Eileen as the secretary. Treasurer TBD.

The spring conference was discussed regarding where to hold this event. The Country Club was mentioned as a possible site. Sierra suggested for BCIC to handle this event on our own instead of incorporating Penn State so we could make the event more profitable. Charla stated that Penn state was able to handle the CEU's and CME's that were given out to the Health care providers. As this process is not an easy one to obtain. If we offer the continuing education this could be a possible way to draw in more Health care providers. Sierra will research the logistics of handling CMEs ourselves.

Also, discussed for this event was what the topic would be. It was mentioned to gear towards adult vaccines, past diseases, and immigration vaccines. Discussion followed stating these ideas would be great topics as each of these items have been on the rise with in the past few years. Discussion regarding who would speak on these topics it was suggested Dr. Russell and Dr. Kressley would be excellent speakers on these topics. It was also mentioned to have either of the Dr's discuss epidemiology information as well due to the recent out breaks of measles. Sierra will follow up with speaker suggestions.

Other topics that were mentioned were doctors who vaccinate vs. Doctors who don't vaccinate. Adolescent vaccines what should or should not be required for school. How to educate the parents regarding having their child vaccinated versus not vaccinating their children.

Fall conference ideas were discussed as to what we would like to educate people on. The flu was mentioned as a stable topic and other topics suggested were meningitis B and education on immune compromise people vs. non-immune compromise people, risk factors and the positive or negatives of being vaccinated.

It was asked about possible social media for the BCIC to have an Instagram or Facebook page. Abdul from Pfizer stated he would put together an Instagram account and Sierra would do a Facebook page.

It was also discussed on how to draw in new people for committee. Sue Glenn had stated if Sierra could make an appearance at the nurse's conference in the fall to introduce herself along giving information about BCIC and possibly getting the school nurses on board with the committee. Sierra will connect with Sue about this.

Another way to inform people regarding who we are is to redo our brochure and do more public events if possible. Sierra will connect with Char about current and future brochures and necessary approvals from Dr. Damsker.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019

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