CHESTER COUNTY IMMUNIZATION COALITION

 November 15, 2018

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| **ATTENDEES: Laura Harbage, Julieta Calmon, Maureen Gallagher, Gianna Megaro, Linda Zwirzina, Lisa Liguori, Michele Steiner, Robyn Spragins, Lisa Larsen, Jennifer Fulton, Betsy Walls, Shannon Fyalkowski, Brittany Schugsta, Renée Cassidy, David McKeighon, Linda Mellone and Harryl Allen via conference line. Jill Castner, presenter.**  |
| NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2019 |
| **ITEM UNDER****DISCUSSION** **Minutes** **Treasurer’s Report****Presentations****Old Business****New Business** | **ANNOUNCEMENT OR****ACTION OR DECISION****Welcome to current and new members.** **No minutes from September meeting****Current balance BB&T Bank: $ 6546.** **Gianna Megaro, Disease Investigation and Surveillance: Flu surveillance week #44. 1 flu-related death in PA. Ten reported cases of flu reported in Chester Co. All A subtype. ILI’s are increasing. No mumps reported. Sporadic varicella reports.** **Jill Castner, Sanofi Pasteur, Medical Science Liaison. Global support for a universal flu vaccine. Legislators have asked her to explain process of vaccine development from idea to product. She educates about rigorous process with focus on safety and efficacy. For every $1 spent, routine childhood vaccines save at least $10. Pediatrician fatigue counseling on vaccines and may adopt flexible schedules. These schedules are not studied. Parents have fear and culture of questioning is pervasive. Misconceptions haven’t changed in 6-7 years of Jill addressing this topic. Entire routine childhood schedule has 123-126 antigens (Smallpox alone had 200). Presumptive approach works best. Be clear, firm and confident with recommendations. Be personally connected. VISs can be scary. Education is important.** **Like CCIC on Facebook (non-governmental) and share posts with friends to spread pro-immunization messages. 56 likes so far.****Educational Dinner subcommittee report:****Evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Thanks again to the subcommittee. David McKeighon reports that Becky Corbin did not win reelection. Important to find other vaccine advocates in government.****New program subcommittee forming in January.** **Latina Cervical Cancer Reduction Project. Laura continues to engage with organizations that serve Latina women to raise awareness about the risk of Cervical Cancer. LCH involved but not offering HPV vaccine.****HPV Dental Initiative Grant:****Laura reports that Amy Wishner’s application for $2K from the PA Coalition for Oral Health to film Dr. Alos was awarded. Laura, Amy and Michele will work on the project. Hope to tape in January to allow enough time to evaluate the project.****Thanks to Laura for her tenacity on this project and for David McKeighon for publishing Dr. Alos’ article in CC Med.****PAIC:****Welcome Shannon as new administrative support for PAIC.** **Legislative advocacy a current goal of PAIC with monthly contact. Website has been enhanced. Check it out!****Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.****Respectfully submitted,** **Michele Steiner** | **FOLLOW-UP/NEXT STEPS****Full report available upon request.****gmegaro@chesco.org****jill.castner@sanofi.com****Contact Michele Steiner if interested in working on the 2019 professional education program subcommittee:** **msteiner@chesco.org****Share with Laura any organizations that would like information to share with Latina women about decreasing their risk of cervical cancer.****sfyalkowski@paaap.org**[**www.immunizepa.org**](http://www.immunizepa.org) | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY****Laura Harbage****Julieta Calmon****Dale Weiser****Michele Steiner****Michele Steiner****Laura Harbage** |