CHESTER COUNTY IMMUNIZATION COALITION

May 16, 2019

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| **ATTENDEES: Laura Harbage, Julieta Calmon, Maureen Gallagher, Michele Steiner, David McKeighan, Diane Poletti, Linda Zwirzina, Gina Thomas, Lisa Liguori, Marilee Giardiniere, Alissa Griffith, Rachael Hernandez and Andy Krug. Linda Mellone via speakerphone. Presenters: Gianna Megara and Tom Dumas.** | | | |
| NEXT MEETING: July 18, 2019 | | | |
| **ITEM UNDER**  **DISCUSSION**  **Minutes**  **Treasurer’s Report**  **Presentations**  **Old Business**  **New Business** | **ANNOUNCEMENT OR**  **ACTION OR DECISION**  **Welcome to current and new members.**  **3/21/19 minutes approved.**  **Bank balance of $6899. Books to be audited in near future.**  **Gianna Megaro, Disease Investigation and Surveillance: No cases of measles, mumps or hepatitis A reported in Chester County related to recent outbreaks. PA outbreak of hepatitis A, mainly among drug users and people experiencing homelessness. STD/HIV clinic offering hep A vaccine at no cost to high risk individuals.**  **Tom Dumas, Medical Science Liaison, GSK Vaccines: Morbidity and mortality of meningitis has not changed over the years if people are infected. Disease is rare but deadly: 10-15% case fatality rate. 5 of 13 serotypes of N. Meningitidis cause most disease; serotypes C, W and B cause most disease in U.S. 21% occur in preteens/teens. Incidence has a peak in adolescence (also peaks at 0-4 years and 75+). 75% of college outbreaks caused by serotype B. Outbreak described as 2-3 cases, same serotype with epi link within 3 month period. Nearly 70% meningitis cases in 18-24 year olds occurred in college students. Vaccines against men B have an ACIP category A recommendation for those at high risk; category B for routine use. Category B means decision to vaccinate is between clinician and patient/parent. All ACIP recommended vaccines included in ACA prevention. Studies ongoing regarding what meningitis antibody level is protective, especially since titers drop within a couple years.**  **Like CCIC on Facebook (non-governmental) and share posts with friends to spread pro-immunization messages. Suggestion to find a young person to put CCIC on Instagram.**  **Educational Dinner subcommittee report: 9/24/19 at the Downingtown Country Club.**  **Topic: Health Literacy with Teach Back. Pursing nursing 48/58 credits and CME. Discussed pharmacy credit. Online registration being explored. Team met with state rep. Carolyn Comitta, 156th legislative district, who may be available and is open to being a vaccine ally. Many agreed it is good to know legislative vaccine champions, especially with proposed legislation that could positively or negatively influence vaccine coverage.**  **Latino Health Summit: Laura and Victor Alos attended, networked. Learned that leading cause of death in Latinos is cancer. Men: lung, liver, colon; women: breast, lung, colon. 36% of Latinos uninsured in PA. Victor has taken HPV presentation on the road.**  **PAIC:**  **Legislative advocacy, website updates. PAIC general membership meeting is 6/26/19; PIC is 6/27/19; resources made available to local coalitions.**  **National Infant Immunization Week activities: Chester, Laura, WCU student nurses visited WC and Kennett Head Starts. Laura offered education at Play and Learn at CC Library in Exton.**  **Julieta will wear Chester at the PA Immunization Conference on June 27 as part of 25th anniversary celebration.**  **July CCIC meeting will have Dr. Laura Offutt speaking about teen issues, including vaccines.**  **Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**  **Respectfully submitted,**  **Michele Steiner** | **FOLLOW-UP/NEXT STEPS**    **Full report available upon request.**  [**gmegaro@chesco.org**](mailto:gmegaro@chesco.org)  [**Thomas.x.dumas@gsk.com**](mailto:Thomas.x.dumas@gsk.com)  [**www.immunizepa.org**](http://www.immunizepa.org)  **Contact Laura to volunteer to wear Chester mascot at future events.** [**lharbage@chesco.org**](mailto:lharbage@chesco.org) | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY**  **Laura Harbage**  **Julieta Calmon**  **Betsy Walls**  **Gianna Megaro**  **Tom Dumas**  **Dale Weiser**  **Michele Steiner**  **Diane Poletti**  **David McKeighan**  **Laura Harbage**  **Michele Steiner**  **Laura Harbage**  **Julieta Calmon** |
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