

**Immunization Coalition of Erie County Meeting Minutes**

**November 29, 2018 - 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Erie County Department of Health 2nd Floor Conference Room**

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| **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** |  | **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** |
| RK (Ronald) Bair, Senior Regional Acct Mgt. Sanofi Pasteur |  | Kim Sciallo, RN, Quality Nurse Coordinator-UPMC-Hamot |
| Tonie Cline, ECDH, Project Secretary |  | Sonya Shampoe, ECDH Public Health Nurse, VFC QI Nurse |
| Kevin Louis, Sanofi Pasteur \* **CO-CHAIR** |  | Meghan White, Merck-Senior Vaccine Customer Representative |
| Timothy Nies, GSK Vaccines Account Specialist |  | Shannon Wienczkowski, RN, Quality Nurse-UPMC-Hamot |
| Wendy Nielsen, ECDH, Immunization Supervisor |  | Karen Wiggers, BS, RN ECDH Public Health Nurse **\* CHAIR** |
| Danielle Pifer, BSW, ESD Student Parenting Program. |  | Jeanne A. Yohn, Pfizer Vaccine Representative |
| Sarah Prylinski, RN, Clinical Manager-UPMC-Hamot |  |  |

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Chair, Karen Wiggers, BS,RN**

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and the group members introduced themselves. Welcome new members:

Wendy Nielsen, ECDH, Immunization Supervisor replacing retired Kris Balinski, Kim Sciallo, RN, Quality Nurse

Coordinator-UPMC-Hamot, and Shannon Wienckowski, RN, Quality Nurse-UPMC-Hamot.

**II. Ice Breaker – Co-Chair, Kevin Louis**

We all played a 10 question trivia game on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases.

<https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/parents-pack/play-just-vax-vaccine-trivia-game>

**III.** **Review of Minutes for June 21, 2018 meeting**

Reviewed and approved minutes from June 21, 2018 meeting.

**IV. Kevin’s Corner-Flu**

From the link below see: Summary of Weekly Fluview, Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report, State Activity

Indicator Map, Fluview Interactive, and Current U.S. Flu Activity Map.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

This shows the criteria the CDC has developed to better describe influenza activity and potential severity of impact on

patients and community

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/classifies-flu-severity.htm>

Influenza Immunization rates

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluvaxview/coverage-1718estimates.htm>

This link shows influenza activity and charts regarding recent years peak season.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm#ILIMap>

Statistics on the burden of influenza on medical/community

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/how-cdc-estimates.htm>

**V. Hot Topics, Karen**

Immunization Updates: Digital Data Loggers, Hepatitis A, Flu, Pertussis, HPV, Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis B,

Shingrix, Yellow Fever Vaccine, and Visual Changes in Schedule. – see attachment

Tim Nies, GSK Vaccine Account Specialist, spoke about Shingrix shortage that it was under-estimated in the market.

He did say the 2nd shot separated 2-6 months could be given-6 months or longer.

Per CDC: Due to high levels of demand for GSK’s Shingrix vaccine, GSK has implemented order limits and providers

have experienced shipping delays. It is anticipated order limits and shipping delays will continue throughout 2019.

In response, GSK increased the US supply available for 2018 and plans to make even more doses available in the US in

2019. Additionally, GSK will continue to release doses to all customer types on a consistent and predictable schedule

during 2019. Updated November 2018

Kevin Louis, Sanofi Pasteur, manufactures of Yellow Fever confirmed that the shortage will go beyond mid-June of

2019. The alternative-European version called Stamaril is available but the closet location is Pittsburg, PA.

**VI. Upcoming Events:**

**VII**. **National Influenza Vaccination Week is December 2 – 8, 2018**

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/nivw/about.htm>

From CDC: (if the link doesn’t work-copy/paste into the browser)

Fight Flu – “What’s New for the 2018-2019 Flu Season”- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/whats-new-2018-2019-factsheet.pdf>

No More Excuses: You Need a Flu Vaccine - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/no-excuses-flu-vaccine-print.pdf>

Flu & You – tri-fold brochure - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/fluandyou_upright.pdf>

CDC Says “Take 3” Actions to Fight the Flu- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/take3.pdf>

**VIII. National Infant Immunization Week is April 26 – May 3, 2019**

Childhood Immunization Drop-In Article for General Public

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/matte-articles-5-reasons.html>

CDC Facebook Posts for Partners to Use with Parents –

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/multimedia.html>

Under Social Content – Select

Tweeter-ready messages for samples

Facebook posts for Facebook Posts for Partners to Use with Parents

**IX. Teen Health Week is April 1 -7, 2019**

Monday, April 1: Gender and Sexual Development

Tuesday, April 2: Nutrition and Oral Health

Wednesday, April 3: Preventive Care and Vaccines

Thursday, April 4: Violence and Mental Health

Friday, April 5: Substance Use and Abuse

Saturday, April 6: Community-Specific Teen Health

Sunday, April 7: Community-Specific Teen Health

**X. PA Immunization Conference in Harrisburg is on June 27, 2019**

<https://ce.med.psu.edu/pennsylvania-immunization-conference/>

Web Sites for Vaccine Information and Printable Materials – see attachment

CDC – <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/> American Academy of Pediatrics - <http://www.aap.org/immunization/>

Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition - <http://www.immunizepa.org/>

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/index.html>

VFC Program – <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC.aspx>

Immunization Action Coalition – <http://www.immunize.org/>

PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics – <http://www.paap.org/>

Printable Materials – <http://www.immunize.org/printmaterials/alpha.asp>

2018 VFC Handbook

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/Immunizations/2018%20VFC%20Handbook.pdf>

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia – <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-update-healthcare-professionals>

CDC Storage & Handling Toolkit- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf>

**XI. Discussion From the Floor/for the Good of the Order**

RK Bair, Senior Regional Account Manager for Sanofi Pasteur stated that the Allegheny County Immunization Coalition

located at the Allegheny County Health Dept. in Pittsburg, PA is relocating to Homestead, PA which is only 7 miles from

downtown Pittsburgh. This facility will have free parking.

Karen requests any suggestions for Activities or Events for ICEC?

**XII. Election of 2019 Officers – Co-CHAIR**

**Kevin Louis** Co-CHAIR will move into the **CHAIR** position

**Shannon Wienczkowski**, RN, Quality Nurse-UPMC-Hamot volunteered to be **CO-CHAIR**

**XIII. Selection of Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, March 21, 2019 Thursday, June 20, 2019 Thursday, November 14, 2019

ICEC is investigating if the 2019 meetings will be held at a different location other than Erie County Department of Health.

Will advise of site/time.