



NIC MINUTES

Aug 23 2019

The meeting was held at the WBCHD Kirby Health Center in Wilkes-Barre at 10:30A.M.

In Attendance: Delphine Torbik, WBHD; Nicole Amos, WBHD; Kady Luchetti, WBHD; Beth Boylan, Sanofi; Erica Bozentka, MFHS; Donna Reilly, retired WB Area DON; Cathy Okrasinski, retired WB Area School Nurse; Mike Lunney, Merck; Jenni Marcho, GSK, Amanda Ankner, Volunteers in Medicine; Kimmy Nguyen, Volunteers in Medicine; Bill Court, PADOH; Mark Solomon, Sanofi; Joann Kosik, Kings; Mary Jo DeMelfi, and Kimberly Auman, Geisinger.

Welcome and introductions were done.

REVIEW MINUTES:

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

FISCAL REPORT:

Balance from CEO remains at #3111.52

MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS:

Erica stated MFHS will begin using EBT cards in October. WIC will be closed last week of Sept for training.

Jenny talked about colleges mandating Men B nationwide wide. Currently there are 34 colleges that mandate Men B for freshman.

Amanda from Volunteers In Medicine gave an informative overview about the services they provide. They are a full service mental, dental and behavior health clinic. They have been providing services 11 years as of June 2019.

Bill discussed the VFC program (K-12).

Mike spoke about MMR and stated HPV age will increase to 45 yrs old. Bill informed the group that we cannot use 317 funds for HPV after age 26.

Mark: Flu shipping is projected to be 3-4 weeks later than usual. He also spoke about Tubersol having manufacturing issues and some restrictions may apply.

Kim: Geisinger is mandating all ED employees be up to date on MMR. They will check titers if necessary. She also discussed some events that her coalition is doing.

Joann discussed vaccines that are necessary for college students but not mandated.

POST EVENT:

Delphine stated with the outbreak of Hepatitis A the health department has gone to different areas (Mother Teresa's Haven, a homeless shelter for men, Caring Communities, and PrideFest to administer Hepatitis A vaccine. Along with the shots, other educational materials were given out along with the NIC cell phone card holders to each person.

Each week at Monday's at the Market that ran from July 26 thru August 26 a specific age group was highlighted each week and immunization info was handed out along with a give-a-way. Also on Pet Day info was given out on vaccines that pets should receive from their Vet.

Back to School initiative at Public Square in Wilkes Barre -252 backpacks given out with back to school vaccine info, immunization coloring books, crayons, and notebooks.

Members who attended the PAIC on June 27 highlighted some points of interest.

ADVOCACY FOR IMMUNIZATION:

Delphine reviewed an e-mail that was sent by Amy Wishner. It is a PAIC Immunization Advocacy Toolkit that was developed by a summer intern who worked with PAIC. See attached letter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WBDH Hep A Initiative with PacMAT (PA Coordinated Medication-Assisted Treatment at Geisinger South in September.

WBHD will provide free flu shots for King's College Health Fair on Oct 4.

National Conference for Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships- Nov 13-15 in Honolulu.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Price Chopper Pharmacy Referred Program-This was a past initiative that NIC did in the past. Delphine stated that Price Chopper reached out once again. Our message would be featured on 24,000 prescription bags. They would be distributed from the Wyoming Avenue store in Wyoming. Cost would be \$395.00 for a 4 1/4" X 1 3/8" or \$695.00 for a double. There was a group discussion and it was decided not to go with it. Feeling being that people do not read their RX bags.

Digital Billboards-this can be a costly venture. Will consider at a future time when more monies are available.

OTHER:

Due to scheduling conflicts the meeting scheduled for October 4 has been changed to October 25, 2019.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

October 25, 2019

Dec 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Amos

(Month) (Day) (Year)
The Honorable (First name) (Last name)
(Room Number), County
(CITY), PA (Zip Code)

Dear (Title Last name),

I am (insert name) of the (local coalition county/counties) Immunization Coalition. The local coalition's mission is to (Include Mission Statement here). We are affiliated with the statewide PA Immunization Coalition (PAIC). Together we promote safe, accessible immunization and provide science-based resources throughout the Commonwealth. Our local coalition has had numerous successes including [list things e.g., collaboration with the Iron Pigs to have an annual Immunization Night at the baseball park, annual dinner event with nationally recognized speakers, etc.]

One of our main goals is educating our county/counties through (insert resources here), webinars, symposiums, lectures, and workshops. Residents also have access to numerous resources on our website (insert url) and PAIC's website www.immunizepa.org.

The PA Immunization Coalition sends you a monthly newsletter so hopefully you are aware of this resource. We invite you check out the PAIC website, www.immunizepa.org, which includes a link to our local coalition events to help stay up to date with our latest actions. Our coalition would appreciate working with your office to share helpful immunization information and sites offering free and low-cost immunization in our area.

Enclosed, please find vaccine literature which we hope you will find of interest. We would like to schedule an in-person meeting to continue this conversation and will be contacting your office to see when this can be arranged. We hope our coalition and your office can work together to promote child, family, and community health.

Sincerely,

(Insert name, coalition, and signature)

Street address
City, State, Zip code