

**SCIC Meeting Minutes – 12/13/2019**

**Attendees:** Marianne Adam (PSU – Schuylkill) mta133@psu.edu

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**Welcome/Introductions**

* All were welcomed and introductions were made.

**Old Business**

* Plans for Immunization Promotion and Outreach

- Donna stated the barriers for receiving flu shots are cost and transportation

- Dr. Bilinski is a resource for flu shots

- John suggested trying to organize drive-thru clinic (ask LVHN or Geisinger/St. Luke’s for vaccines)

1. Flu Vaccines for the Uninsured

- objective is to lead the uninsured to the PA DOH Health Center in Pottsville; 12.3% of

 population in county is uninsured

- vaccines can be given at the PA DOH Health Center in Pottsville (103 One Norwegian Plaza,

 Pottsville, PA); call Sharon Lawrence (570-621-3112) or Erica and they will give flu shot at

 the center on Tuesdays (8:30-4:00 pm - if available) or on the following day

1. Vaccine Vouchers

- we would like to have vouchers available for uninsured residents of local shelters; ideally,

 vouchers would be kept at the local pharmacies for more convenience

- Jeanne will call corporate offices and/or foundations of local pharmacies to inquire about

 voucher donations

 3. PR Campaign

 - Resource posters to be created and used for vaccine promotion; Beth to send posters to

 Dr. Bilinski for Jeanne to use; Jeanne will print stickers listing local resources for receiving a

 free flu shot; stickers to be placed on general posters

 - resources listed for insured (pharmacy or doctor) and for uninsured (PA DOH or voucher)

 - posted at local shelters, food pantries, schools, etc.

 4. Educational Presentations

 - Dr. Bilinski offered to do presentations in the community concerning the importance of

 immunizations; she heard Dr. Pan speak about how physicians as providers need to be more

 public about promoting immunizations and how policy change is required for better results

* Immunizations at PSU Schuylkill Campus

- Cindy stated that 36 students received flu shots at the free clinic offered on campus on October 16th

New Business

* New meeting dates were selected for 2020; Cindy will check on getting approval from PSU-Schuylkill for room use
* Strategic Partners of VISION

- Jeanne announced that VISION is in the process of re-naming strategic partners, either as a fiscal

 partner or a project partner (non-fiscal); this is so people can get a clear picture of what VISION

 does and so that VISION can decrease amount of unfunded staff time from 50% to 30%

 - a motion and vote were conducted to name the *Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition* as a project

 partner

 - coalition members will take some time to think about assuming leadership role

 - Beth is willing to do project work

 - Jenny offered to remain as coalition secretary and to do project work

Other

* Hepatitis A epidemics are occurring in some counties; mainly due to drug activity in public places
* CVSs (out west) are creating medical homes where nurse practioners are doing “know your numbers”

clinics

Next Meeting

* February 14, 2020 at 8:30 am at PSU Schuylkill, Building C Room 100

**SCIC meeting dates for 2020**

* 10 April 2020
* 12 June 2020
* 14 August 2020
* 9 October 2020
* 11 December 2020
* All meetings will be held on Penn State Schuylkill campus unless otherwise notified.

**Websites**

The PAIC website can be found at: <http://www.immunizepa.org/>

The SCIC website can be found at: <http://www.immunizepa.org/schuylkill-county-immunization-coalition/>

The SCIC website can also be found by going to “Local Coalitions” tab on the PAIC website.