**Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2022**

Attendance List: Rachel Hahn, Jenny Wagner, Joanne Walsh, US/SMT, Mandy Fitzpatrick, Kayla Knock, Stephanie Mihailescu, Heidi Schmidt, Jes Long, John Matz

1. **New Business**
   1. Rachel Hahn taking over as meeting facilitator starting in June
   2. SCEMA Update – John Matz
      1. COVID Vaccination Updates
         1. Info provided by PA DOH
         2. 68.3% with at least one shot
         3. Those in the 60s/70s/80s+ age brackets: well above 80% vaccinated
         4. 50s age group – almost 68%
         5. Total goes up about half a percent per week
      2. COVID case update
         1. Cases have been going steadily down – currently in “yellow” range
            1. School districts have a 14-141 moderate range – currently at 26
      3. Medical Reserve Corps still low on membership in Schuylkill County
         1. Low membership due to late addition to South Central Task Force
   3. SCIC Programmatic Updates – Rachel Hahn
      1. Billboards are up in Schuylkill County – 8 total
         1. Will be reassessed after four weeks
         2. Suggestion from Jenny – swap Spanish billboard from Route 61 to Route 54 (higher concentration of Spanish speaking population here)
      2. Flyer posted on SCIC webpage (within PAIC website) for standing COVID vaccine clinics
      3. New project just started – poster advertising outside of convenience stores/gas stations/grocery stores
         1. ~25 stores in total, 3 posters in each store (1 exterior, 2 interior)
         2. Same advertisements as billboards
      4. Went over job responsibilities for everyone on the call
   4. REACH Project
      1. No updates at this time
   5. Penn State Schuylkill
      1. No updates at this time
2. **Additional Updates from Attendees** 
   1. Jenny Wagner – partner update
      1. Partnering with Helene Janosczyk from Sanofi
         1. Would like to do a presentation during next meeting on June 10th
         2. Topic: reestablishing vaccine coverage post COVID-19
            1. Vaccine hesitancy will also be covered
   2. John Matz
      1. Office was contacted by Cornerstone Health (office of rural health center in Frackville)
         1. Had offered N95 masks and test kits to emergency services in the county
      2. Currently a state grant going out that will help EMS
         1. Running on tight budget
            1. Reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid hasn’t gone up in decades
         2. Minersville group has affiliation with Geisinger
            1. Recruiting volunteers for EMS training/school (paid)
      3. Event on June 9th – LEPC Conference @ Mt. Valley
         1. Opportunity for tabling – Rachel and Jenny?
         2. Geared towards other agencies/industry
            1. Not geared towards the public
   3. Diakon Update – Jenny
      1. Medicare recipients can receive free COVID tests
         1. John will pass information to Cornerstone
            1. Consider partnering – they seem to have a lot of test kits available
         2. Jenny will send press release (to be included with minutes)
   4. Mandy
      1. Met with community health nurse consultants for Southeast Region (DOH)
         1. Department of health may also have kits
         2. Invited to join coalition
      2. Mentioned Ava the Antibody books – sent link in chat
   5. Jes Long – GSK Vaccines
      1. Gave updates on non-COVID vaccines
         1. Study showed that COVID has impacted the rates of routine vaccines – sharply decreased from 2019 to 2020
   6. Joanne Walsh – Seqirus
      1. Still taking orders for pre-books for flu-cell vaccines for 22-23 flu season
   7. Kayla Knock - PAIC
      1. RFPs due May 2nd
      2. Able to request up to $125,000 for next cycle
3. **Next meeting – June 10th**
   1. In-person vs. virtual
   2. Hybrid may be the best option