

NNIC General Membership Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2011

In Attendance:

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| Doreen Begley | Steve Kutz | Lynnie Shore |
| Heidi Dolder | Karissa Loper | Emily Stratton |
| Deanna Eddy | Alicia Lussier | Regina Washington |
| Sally Edney | Jeanne Meacham | Chad Williams |
| Brian Finlayson | Katie Nannini | |
| Heidi Hurst | April Rodrigues | |

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m. – October meeting minutes were not available to approve.

Goal #1: Develop and sustain an effective community organization

- **Update on grant funding received/applied for:** NNIC did not get the Gannett grant. We are still waiting to hear from the DP Foundation on that grant. Since the start of the school clinic project we have raised approximately \$500 from parents and counting. We have received thank you notes with the donations to show that what we are doing is not only helping immunize children, but helping with financial burdens.
- **New members/partnership:**
- **Annual survey:** The annual survey is coming out in December and will be online. We will also be looking for nominations for the 2012 board.

Goal #2: Provide immunization awareness, education and access to the community

- **Get schooled about Flu! Summit in Fallon, Nev. – 12/9:** The Flu Summit will be held in Fallon at the Churchill Arts Center. It's a theater space, art gallery, etc. and provides the perfect space for our Summit. The Summit is free and NNIC will be providing mileage reimbursement for those who need it. As of now we have Dr. James A. Seaboldt, Scientific Medical Liaison for GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Vaccine Clinical Research and professor at New Mexico State. In addition, we are talking to Dr. Warren Brandle, MD, family physician. Lunch will also be provided.
- **Other projects:**
 - **Reno News and Review Insert 11/17:** An 8-page insert about the flu will be in the Reno News & Review, which has been headed up by the Nevada State Health Division. NNIC has been working closely with the Health Division on this project.
 - **Reno Bighorns 12/9:** As a way to bring attention to National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), we will be handing out t-shirts, NIVW goodies, etc. at the Reno Bighorns game again this year. However, there won't be a clinic like we had last year. Tickets are available for coalition members – Please contact Heidi to reserve your tickets.
 - **Food Bank Partnership:** Food Bank Partnership is still in the works. We are looking at expanding the project to Washoe County. As of now, the project in Carson is seeing more adults taking advantage of the mobile service rather than having kids being brought in to get vaccination.

- **Planning for Give Kids a Boost** – April National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is not too far away and the process of planning will need to start up. At this point we are asking ourselves if this is something that NNIC should continue to be involved in. We have had great success in the past few years, getting children educated about health and safety, immunizing children and families who cannot afford the vaccinations, etc. NNIC needs to start the discussion with the state regarding 317 vaccines.

Goal #3 Provide immunization information, education and support to providers

- **Refrigerator Program:** Checks for providers are going out, but it is taking longer than expected due to Saint Mary's regulations for cutting checks to specific providers in northern Nevada. For those providers who have the refrigerators we will be following up with the offices about how to use the refrigerators properly.
- **Flu Packet – NIVW:** We will put out packets with information about clinics that are in the area, provide flu resources and facts. For providers and childcare providers we will be providing the NNIC growth charts. If there is something you would like to include in the packets, please contact Heidi.
- **Silver Syringe – 3/2/12:** Planning is underway. The award categories will be the same as last year with the addition of an adolescent category. Please be on the lookout for future communications and start thinking about possible recipients.

Goal #4 Advocate for local policy changes to maximize levels

Immunize Nevada Updates

- **Conference Wrap-up:** Great feedback overall from the 250 attendees. Aside from comments about location, the conference, course and content-specific feedback was very positive. Next year's conference will be in Vegas. Unfortunately, the CDC will not be able to come out next year, so we will be teaming up with Southern Nevada Immunization and Health Coalition (SNIHC) to have a conference that relates to MCH issues.
- **Strategic Plan:** A plan is being developed to address the issue of Nevada's national ranking. The State has asked Immunize Nevada to take lead on this plan and execution of it. Peggy Franklin from Saint Mary's and Tina Vesely are assisting with the plan as well.

Open forum