

NNIC General Membership Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2011

In attendance:

Dana Balchunas	Heidi Hurst (phone)	Janet Osalvo
Julie Bertuleit	Becky Koster	Lynnie Shore
Mary Bodendorfer	Melissa Krall	Emily Stratton
Jaime Collins	Steve Kutz	Tina Vesely
Heidi Dolder	Alicia Lussier	Chad Williams
Brian Finlayson	Jeanne Meachem	Scott Reynolds
Peggy Franklin	Nicole Mertz	Regina Washington
Roni Galas	Katie Nannini	

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Jamie Collins. Review of August minutes, motion to approve by Steve Kutz and seconded Julie Burtuleit.

Special Guest: Scott Reynolds, Chief Student Support Services Officer Washoe County School District

- Successes and challenges of student immunizations and the 2010-2011 school year: WCSD was extremely grateful for the support that the coalition, Health District and Saint Mary's provided during the Tdap outreach during the spring and summer months. At this point the focus needs to be on educating staff and parents on the importance and seriousness of the vaccination requirements.
- Next steps for 2011-2012: Create a NNIC nurse to WCSD nurse mentoring program. Communicate with school nurses to provide them with resources to refer questions about the schedule, administration, etc. Start outreach earlier.

Director Report: General Operations and Goals Progress

Goal #1: Develop and sustain an effective community organization

- Update on grant funding received/applied for: NNIC has applied for an \$8,000 grant from Gannett and a \$3,000 grant from Dermody Properties. Updates on the status of those grants to come.
- New members/partnerships:
 - A new representative, Josh, from Sanofi will be joining the coalition.
 - In addition, the coalition is still talking to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada about a possible partnership with various distribution sites. The Carson location is hoping to team up with a few different healthcare programs to provide services to families. There are also the mobile sites, which could be a great outlet to provide adults and children with flu vaccine.

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

- Plans for flu season: Immunize Nevada, NNIC and the Southern Nevada Immunization and Health Coalition are teaming up to bring the InFLUence Others: Get Vaccinated campaign to the state. School clinics are in place and Tina is managing those and working closely with the Washoe County Health District. In addition, different community outreach efforts are going to be made through community clinics including The Summit and a Reno Big Horns Game.

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

- Refrigerator Program: All applicants have received their notifications of whether they qualify for the program and everything has been running smoothly.

Goal #4: Advocate for local policy changes to maximize immunization levels

- With discussion of the 7th grade Tdap requirement and issues that Washoe County had, it has been suggested that Immunize Nevada takes the discussion to the statewide Advocacy Committee to talk about possibly changing the Tdap requirement from 7th graders to 11-year-olds.

Immunize Nevada Updates – Katie Nannini

- **Outreach**
 - A big focus for outreach efforts are on the upcoming flu season. Immunize Nevada will be putting together a plan and timeline to provide tools, resources, etc. for statewide flu outreach.
- **Education**
 - VPD Conference:
 - After Early-bird deadline was closed registration was at 172 registrants. Immunize Nevada anticipates approximately 200 attendees total. Education credits are in-line for the conference.
 - Flu Panel – Still working on finalizing two speakers. We have reached out to a few people and are waiting to hear back.
 - Volunteer Opportunities – We've had a nice response from coalition members who are willing to help monitor rooms, help with set-up and tear down, but can use more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Emily at Emily.stratton@chw.edu.
 - NILE webinar featuring Lynn Shore to present on the upcoming flu season. The webinar is set for October 13 at 12:30 p.m.