

**WNYAIC & WNYPAC MEETING MINUTES**

**November 2, 2016**

**Attending Members:** Bev Lawler, Karen Menza, Elaine Watson, Sue Berner, Dr. Roger Forden (Video conference), Chris Hayes, Scott Eden, Jennifer Gemerek, Kyle Henicke, Lynn Matuszewski, Cheryl Melbrod, Christy Widman, Renee Nealy, Paul Ricciardi, Maureen Thiel, Karin Szymanski, Eileen Snyder, Carolyn Tomani, Ann Correa, Leo McGorry, Molly Ortolani, Lacie Dombkiewicz, Jason Coleman, Kaitlyn Griffin, Sharon Dwyer,

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup> mtg. were approved by #1 Karen Menza and #2 by Ann Correa

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow up Action	Deadline
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>WNYPAC and WNYAIC Collaborative Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>Congratulations to Bev Lawler! She was chosen as this month’s candidate for the on-line publication: Public Health Works- her picture and write-up is on the NYSACHO and DOH website.  <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/public_health_works/honor_roll/2016/b_lawler.htm">https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/public_health_works/honor_roll/2016/b_lawler.htm</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Facebook Page Updates:</u></b> K. Szymanski updated the group on our FB page. She noted that the “shares” are very important, as it increases our visibility in the newsfeed. She will update the group next meeting on the report of our FB status. The three different logos being proposed for the coalition’s website are up for a vote and final decision on logo is pending more votes by membership. Our coalition’s domain is expiring but still can get to site via <a href="http://www.erie2.gov">www.erie2.gov</a>. Bev is checking with friend to get costs of having a webmaster.</li> <li>• <b><u>2017 Immunization Conference- 5/18/2017:</u></b> All speaker slots have been filled. CDC will be providing Dr. Candace Robinson, who we also had last year. Bev noted that The Purple books are going to be provided for the attendees at the Pfizer vendor table, as long as the names and addresses of the book recipients are provided. Continuing to work with Tina Peters from Wayne County for Finger Lakes conference planning.</li> <li>• <b><u>Roswell Park HPV update:</u></b> No report</li> <li>• <b><u>NYSACHO conference</u></b> was held 10/13/16 at Batavia Country Club. Bev reviewed the highlights. Dr. Raymond Strikas from the CDC spoke, as well as Rayna Dubois.</li> <li>• <b><u>Forever Young Health Fair:</u></b> was held 10/27/16. Kyle Henicke, Sue Berner, Gia Dublino and Renee Nealy all volunteered to man the WNYPAC table. Turnout was good and many participants had questions re: flu shots and shingles vaccine. VNA was also at</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing- Bev, Karen M. and Karen S.</p> <p>Ongoing- Bev</p> <p>C. Widman Bev</p> <p>Karen M.</p>	

the event giving flu shots.

**New Business**

**Vaccine News:**

- IAC Express/ECBT/Families Fighting Flu: October 21<sup>st</sup> issue covers a lot of Questions about flu
- IAC Express October 26<sup>th</sup> issue contains October issue of Needle Tips and Vaccinate Adult well as ACIP Meeting updates. Hep B, Tdap, HPV and Men B vaccine Recommendations were updated. New immunization schedule for adults and children is due publication in February, 2017.
- ECBT:
  - Bev reviewed information on a fatal (rare) measles complication neurological disorder called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) or Dawson’s Disease
  - Cervarix is being pulled from the US market due to low market demand
  - Important to spread the word to parents about intensive research and tightly regulated procedures to get vaccines licensed.

Bev

**Webinars:**

- NFID: 11/16/2016: Updates from October 2016 ACIP meeting
- CDC Current issues in Immunization: Vaccines during Pregnancy 11/9/16 at 12 Noon
- Voices for Vaccines: Melody Butler- how professionalism and advocacy intersect- 11/10/16 at 12 noon
- CDC You Call the Shots: updated the influenza and varicella modules.
- 10/11/16: AFIX to Empower Clinicians to Increase HPV Vaccine rates- with recommendation of it as the pre-teen and adolescent series.

**Other New Business:**

- Journey of Your child’s vaccine: informatics to help parents look at development of vaccines for safety issues. This will be discussed further at next meeting. Surveys show that 84% of parents are OK with vaccines, 75 unsure and 9% are anti-vaccine. Religious exemptions most commonly used by anti-vaccine parents. Need to reach out to the “unsure” category of parents with appropriate education.
- WNY Family Magazine: can put in ads (usually for a fee) unless they are writing a feature article. Writing letters to the editor is also a free way of publicizing pro-vaccine messages/education.
- Families fighting flu: register at [www.FluNearYou.org](http://www.FluNearYou.org) to track your personal flu symptoms weekly. An interactive map is created that helps to explore flu data near you. This can also be downloaded and put on our website. It was noted that Passport Health is partnering with UBER to deliver flu vaccines in the Albany

<p><b>NYSDOH Update</b></p>	<p>and Syracuse areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoiding vaccination errors from 10/25/16: Immunization Coalition Network News has a slide set available on avoiding vaccination errors.</li> <li>• Renee Nealy gave the NYSDOH report. She noted that the NYS Flu Education Law requires posting of Influenza information in schools. Templates are available on the NYSDOH Websites.</li> <li>• Provider profiles are due by 1/5/17. Renee verified that medical directors who are listed on the IAP grant application must complete the required vaccine training modules. Due to concerns by many of the smaller counties, this requirement is being addressed at the state level.</li> <li>• Slides are available on the website from the NYSIIS User Group trainings.</li> <li>• DOH Weekly Flu report lists Influenza cases as sporadic. Out of the 763 specimen submitted for testing, 1 was Strain B (Victoria), which is in this year's vaccination.</li> <li>• October 25, 2016- NYSDOH put out Meningitis recommendations for HIV patients or those at Risk for HIV.</li> <li>• County grants coming out for local DOH's for 2017-2018.</li> </ul>	<p>R. Nealy</p>	
<p><b>Lead Update</b></p>	<p>K. Menza updated the group with the recent testing of lead in the water at Erie County schools. Some confusion exists, as issue not always being addressed properly by the media. In general, there are an increased number of kids needing chelation. Those with elevated leads between 5-9 will be able to have necessary follow-up in Erie county, with staffing increases.</p>	<p>Karen M.</p>	
<p><b>County Update</b></p>	<p><b>Erie County:</b> Still catching up school kids with Meningitis vaccine. Offering flu vaccine  <b>Niagara County:</b> Bev did a presentation on vaccinations (including travel vaccines) on the cable TV station in Lockport. Finishing up AFIX and entering practice's immunizations in NYSIIS, to bring them into compliance with grant.  <b>Wyoming County:</b> No report.  <b>Orleans County:</b> No report. C. Mills RN is retiring from the OCHD at the end of November.  <b>Genesee County:</b> Continuing to give vaccine/HIV testing at county jail. Migrant outreach completed except for the offering of flu vaccine. Only 1 camp has received flu vaccine thus far. Immunization clinics were much busier in the months of August-November.</p>	<p>Karen Bev  Mary Ellen Elaine</p>	
<p><b>UB Student Health</b></p>	<p>UB has given 800 doses of flu vaccine and have ordered more. Use of HPV vaccine has doubled and 25% of that number is male recipients. Most international insurances are now paying for it.</p>	<p>Eileen</p>	
<p><b>INC</b></p>	<p>Flu clinics are winding down but currently doing PPD clinics. IH is not covering travel vaccines this year. Hiring some part time staff from Jan- April to do chart reviews.</p>	<p>Jennifer/Cathy</p>	

<b>Pharmacy Update</b>	Keith is not able to attend WNYAC meetings anymore and will be taken off the email list.	Bev	
<b>Manufacturer Updates</b>	<p><b>Pfizer:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>MedImmune:</b> Absent; no update</p> <p><b>Sanofi Pasteur:</b> Scott reported that shipping of all pre-books as been completed and starting to pre-book for next year.</p> <p><b>Merck:</b> Molly noted that the FDA label has changed for the HPV (Gardasil 9 vaccine)-approving the 2 dose series for 9-14 year olds, as long as the first shot was started during the child's 14<sup>th</sup> year and before their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also the second dose must be given 6-12 months after the first dose.</p> <p><b>GSK:</b> Have begun to pre-book Flu vaccine for next year. Currently flu vaccine catalog orders are being shipped as next day delivery. Ran out of VFC Fluarix quadrivalent for NYS. There is also a back order situation for Bexsero.</p>	Paul	
<b>Insurance companies</b>	<p><b>YourCare Health Plan-</b> gave flu shots to police officers. Celebrated a grand opening of a satellite office in Lafayette Square.</p> <p><b>Independent Health:</b> Dr. Forden at meeting via videoconferencing. Clarified that the MMWR also contains the updated ACIP recommendations on HPV(Gardasil-9)</p> <p><b>Blue Cross/Blue Shield:</b> have developed a vaccine review team to improve internal communications on vaccination issues. Meet annually and ad hoc to discuss changes and new recommendations, to assure that everyone is aware of the most recent and correct information.</p> <p><b>United Healthcare-</b> no update</p>	Molly/Maureen	
		Chris	
		Dr. Forden	
		Ann C.	
<b>Financial Update:</b> <b>Next Meeting:</b>	<p>Same as last month- Balance of \$5,521.14</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 8:30AM</b></p>	Karen	

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