

TEXAS IMMUNIZATION STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP (TISWG)
Morton Bldg., Rm. #739, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX
June 23, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Participants

Barry Lachman, Texas Association of Health Plans; Bonnie Voss, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services; Brenda Ortiz, Texas Medical Foundation; Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Clifford S. Pumphrey, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals; Decrecia Robinson, Houston Department of Health and Human Services; Gayle Love, Texas Medical Association; Genie Nyer, Saint David's Foundation; Jason Terk, MD, Texas Pediatric Society; Jennifer O'Toole, Saint David's Foundation; Kathy Moore, Texarkana-Bowie County Health Center, Texas Association Local Health Officials; Kelley Edwards, Texas Medical Association; Linda Crawford, Texas Education Agency; Madeline Gill, Texas Medical Foundation; Neil Levy, MD, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association; Shelley Bjorkman, Health and Human Services Commission; Steve Rye, Texas Workforce Commission; Susan Briner, Parkland Hospital and Health Systems.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

Ms. Robin Scott (Facilitator); Tracie Wood, Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Program; Debra Stabeno, Division of Prevention and Preparedness; Dr. Susan Penfield, Infectious Disease Control; Jean Hanson, Texas Health Steps; Florastine Mack, Title V and Health Resource Development; Jayme Ramirez, Title V and Health Resource Development; Kimberly McCoy-Daniels, Office For Elimination of Health Disparities; Pat Feagin, Regional and Local Services.

DSHS – Disease Prevention and Intervention Section:

Casey Blass, David Scott, Jack Sims, Vivian Williams-Harris, Tim Hawkins, Anita Freeman, Lupe Mandujano Garcia, Claude Longoria, Karen Hess, Susan Belisle, Maribel Ozuna, Janie Garcia, Susan Nunnery, Lisa Davis, and Michael Czepiel, of HSR 7.

Welcome and Introductions

David Scott, Manager, Services and Data Coordination Group, welcomed all attendees. All participants introduced themselves and the program they represent.

Vivian Williams-Harris introduced the "Vaccinators" who are an awareness/advocacy youth group of young students ages 11 years through college. Their purpose is to educate children and teens on the importance of meningitis prevention, as well as all other vaccine-preventable diseases. The group entertained the workgroup participants by dancing and singing their Public Service Announcement about disease prevention.

Debra Stabeno, Acting Director, Division of Prevention and Preparedness greeted and thanked the working group for their work on behalf of Doctor Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner of Health. She briefly discussed the formation of the new enterprise of four combined State Departments that are under the Health and Human Services Commission umbrella. She expounded upon the importance of partnerships and the value of leveraging resources.

Review of Minutes and Agenda

David Scott discussed the meeting agenda with the workgroup.

Updates from Last Meeting's Next Steps

1) Medical Homes Update

- Bonnie Voss gave an update on the Medical Home Workgroup (MHW). She reported that arrangements were discussed for the TISWG workgroup to work with MHW to share information between each group.
- The question was asked should the TISWG have a permanent member to attend the MHW meetings.
- Dr. Barry Lachman is a member of the MHW and agreed to serve as the liaison between the two workgroups.

Next steps:

- Staff to clarify roles of our participation on the MHW.
- Dr. Lachman and Bonnie Voss will attend the next meeting.
- Dr. Lachman will email participants prior to the next meeting.

2) Reminder/Recall – TMA Project

- Gayle Love reported Texas Medical Association Alliance members are training physicians and their office staff regarding reminder/recall systems. Two areas will be targeted for this reminder recall pilot: Dallas and Houston
- Some providers found it difficult to use ImmTrac; other issues of concern related to ImmTrac include loss of volunteers, no strong communication with office managers, and lack of adequate training.
- Texas Health Step reminders are very effective regarding the need for routine check-ups for children.
- Claude Longoria gave a brief update of ImmTrac. He reminded participants that ImmTrac staff could train providers on how to use and access ImmTrac records.

Next Steps:

- DSHS staff will check into the Texas Health Steps Reminder/Recall. Anita Freeman will report on this at the next meeting.
- Claude Longoria will contact Dr. Hellerstedt to discuss ImmTrac. An update on this conversation will be sent prior to the next meeting.
- Claude Longoria will look into a method of entering and search for Medicaid Client numbers into the ImmTrac registry. He will give a fifteen-minute report at the next meeting.
- The members recommended Primary Care Case Management pilot studies to incorporate reminder/recall systems.

3) Reminder/Recall – Parkland Protocols

Barry Lachman briefly discussed the protocols of reminder/recall used at the Parkland Hospital System.

4) Reminder/Recall – New Mexico *

- Anita Freeman discussed her research from two initiatives conducted by the New Mexico Health Department used to raise vaccination coverage rates. A handout entitled “New Mexico Immunization Program SHOT TEAM PROJECT” was included in the meeting packet.
- A question was asked regarding cost-benefit analysis of reminder/recall systems. Ms Freeman will search for information related to this topic.

Reminder/Recall – Other updates

- Members briefly discussed the previously raised interest of commercial reminder/recall systems.
- Dr. Turk shared that he uses third party reminder/recall services for vaccinations.

Next steps:

- DSHS staff will conduct a Request for Information with Clientel and other similar companies promoting electronic reminder recall services.
- TISWG will request a Clientel (a suggested Atlanta vendor) presentation at a future meeting.

* Indicates handouts attached.

5) *Public/Parent Education – Articles **

- Lupe M. Garcia discussed publication article topics for public and parent education regarding vaccines. She asked the members to provide her with listings of parent related magazines and publications within the state of Texas that would be suitable for submitting these immunization articles.
- She reported that the Immunization Branch is proceeding on with the current media campaign.

Next steps:

- The workgroup members are to email possible suitable publications to Lupe Garcia by June 30, 2005.
- DSHS to follow up with the Vaccinators on the “Houston Family” Magazine, and other public speaking opportunities and promotions.

6) *Public/Parent Education - Passports*

- Lupe M. Garcia shared three variations of the passports (vaccination record) she received.
- CDC has a passport that included the list of vaccines. CDC will provide DSHS the files so their version can be incorporated for our use.
- Some versions have a space for a child’s photo.
- A plastic sleeve is an added feature for safekeeping of other documents and information.
- A suggestion was made to keep vaccination records separate from the educational information.
- A suggestion was made to list each vaccine as a separate antigen rather than the combination name.

Next steps: (DSHS staff will handle the process and address the following suggestions).

- Combine the best of all three examples.
- Add a pocket.
- ImmTrac record can be added.
- Keep the passport simple.
- The immunization record and educational information will be placed in the back rather than the middle.

7) *Public/Parent Education – Post Partum Counseling**

Anita Freeman gave a brief discussion. She found that articles on this topic are limited. She said that there could be ongoing consideration and research on this topic.

Next steps - Post Partum Counseling:

- Staff will serve as a liaison to work with the Texas Pediatric Society and the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (TAOG).
- Invite TAOG representative to attend a TISWG meeting.
- Carrie Kroll will initiate communication with the TAOG. Jack Sims and Casey Blass will meet with Carrie next week and provide points to cover during the meeting.

Legislative Session Summary and Debrief *

Jack Sims reported on proposed bills during the 79th Legislature. [Since this meeting the proposed bills have been accepted as new policy. See Handout entitled “79th Legislative Immunization Issues: Policy Updates” for specific details.

Next steps:

- Members requested a copy of Jack’s Update, which will be provided.
- Dr. Briner reported recent legislation passed to revise information to new parents on the *shaking baby syndrome*.

Category D Wrap-up: Targeted Consumer Outreach

Sub-committee members and Subject Matter Experts (SME)’ discussed the following topics and gave updates since our previous TISWG meeting.

* Indicates handouts attached.

Adult Immunizations Subgroup Updates *

- Madeline Gill, Texas Medical Foundation (TMF), gave a brief discussion. The group was provided with a summary handout entitled: *Adult Immunization Sub-group*.
- Brenda Ortiz, TMF, has been working on a website, mostly targeting local health departments (LHD) for sharing of adult immunization information. The LHD staff may download information for their own use. The TMF will list LHD immunization clinic schedules.

Discussion of Adolescent Immunizations Issues

- Florastine Mack, Title V and Health Resource Development and Jayme Ramirez, Title V and Health Resource Development were introduced. They attended this meeting to determine how their program can assist the TISWG workgroup and sub-groups.
- The whole health of adolescents is important to physicians, so they can observe medical needs as well as immunizations.
- No missed opportunity (for vaccination) should occur during office visits.
- Consider coordinating adolescent and adult immunizations under one roof. Will this need to be added to the charge? Is more discussion needed?
- TDaP vaccine. (More discussion needed.)
- Purchasing issues of adolescent vaccines. (More discussion needed.)
- Reframe-adolescent immunization with exam visits (not just shots). Is more discussion needed?
- Consider Health curricula as an avenue to promote vaccination awareness. Linda Crawford reported that new health textbooks are not coming soon to schools due to recent legislative issues.

Next Steps:

- Florastine Mack will contact a School Health representative for discussion. She will email an update.
- Continue to liaison with the Texas Education Agency for future opportunities.
- Consider recommending the use of School-Based Health Centers as sites for adolescent vaccinations.
- Florastine Mack will discuss with her program the feasibility of contracting with school-linked programs. Invite John Dillard and Anita Wheeler each of School Health Program to future meetings.
- Consider expanding TISWG charge to include adolescents.

Open Discussion/Review – TISWG One -Year Mark *

David Scott referred to the handout “TISWG Issue Status Updates”

Next steps:

- Continue to update the TISWG Issue Status updates”.
- Members should review and determine what issues to keep and continue to address and what to drop off as dealt with.
- Suggestion: Spend one portion of the meeting to discuss issue topic #2 – Provider Education at the next meeting or a future meeting.
- Possible tentative next step (for October meeting?): Dr. Levy will provide a presentation discussing new vaccines.
- A motion was made to expand the TISWG charge to include raising vaccine coverage levels for adolescents as well as children.
 1. Casey Blass reminded the working group that the legislature mandated that Texas work towards increasing immunization rates in children. The charge could change to include adolescents but NOT adults.
 2. DSHS will consider this motion and respond at the next meeting.

Evaluation of Meeting

Ms. Robyn Scott asked workgroup participants to provide feedback to her regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the meeting. The following comments were provided:

Positive comments:

- Lots of progress
- Good venue
- Refreshments were good
- Fruit and diet drinks were provided
- Lots of sugar
- Updates – evidence of evolved group (ownership)
- Vaccinators Youth Group

Negative comments:

- TISWG Group Issues Status Update Handout: Unable to determine if issues are closed, remain open, or identify next steps.
- Some participants left in the afternoon prior to the meeting's end. A possible solution may be to arrange a working lunch for the purpose of an early dismissal.

Additional business

David Scott announced that Bonnie Voss and Linda Crawford would retire soon. A certificate was presented to Bonnie and one is being prepared for Linda. David thanked them each for their contributions to the TISWG.

Next TISWG Meeting Planning

- Report on Medical Home Workgroup Meeting- Bonnie Voss /Dr. Lachman
- Report on Reminder /Recall Texas Health Steps – Anita Freeman
- Report on ImmTrac client searches by Medicaid numbers-Claude Longoria
- Report on ImmTrac discussion with Dr. Hellerstadt-Claude Longoria
- Spend one portion of the meeting discussing Provider Education-All
- Respond to proposed expansion of adolescent immunizations in the charge-David Scott
- Review and discuss working group accomplishments for the last year. Identify issues for further action and develop a plan for the coming year- All

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Handouts

- Addendum TISWG Minutes dated 2/3 Previous Identified Issues
- Press Release “The Vaccinators”
- Suggested Topics for Publications
- Adult Immunization Update
- New Mexico “Shot Team Update” 2004
- Seniors Volunteer Childhood Immunization Program (SVCI) Snapshot
- TISWG Issue Status Update
- **To be added:** 79th Legislative Session Immunization Issues: Policy Updates