



**ImmTrac Provider Working Group (IPWG)
Meeting #5 Conference Call
Friday, March 9, 2007
2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Room T-407
MEETING SUMMARY**

Attendees:

Teleconference Participants

Melvin Joki, MD - (Arlington)
Lisa Swanson, MD - (Mesquite)
Julie Boom, MD – (Houston)
Matt Thompson, MHSM – Medical Management Solutions (Austin)
Shelly Withrow, RN – Austin/Travis County Health Department (Austin)
Dan Walters, IPWG Facilitator – Dan Walters Associates, LLC (Austin)
Crystal Zamarron, Texas Medical Association

Present in Austin (DSHS Staff)

Claude Longoria – DSHS, ImmTrac Group Manager (Austin)
Adriana Rhames – DSHS, ImmTrac Program Coordination Team (Austin)
Karen Gray – DSHS, ImmTrac Program Coordination Team (Austin)
Janie Delgado – DSHS, ImmTrac Program Coordination Team (Austin)
Laura LeBrun – DSHS, ImmTrac Program Coordination Team (Austin)

Welcome:

Mr. Claude Longoria, ImmTrac Group Manager, introduced himself and welcomed participants to the fifth ImmTrac Provider Working Group Meeting (IPWG) via conference call. Mr. Longoria then informed members the *March 2007 ImmTrac Status Report* is available on the Internet at www.ImmTrac.com.

Review and Discussion of ImmTrac Status Report:

Mr. Longoria began the review of the *March 2007 ImmTrac Status Report* by discussing program highlights. He stated that ImmTrac is continuing to experience significant growth, including receipt of the first data file transfer from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas (BCBS). He explained that the data file from BCBS contained current and historical immunization data that resulted in the addition of over 2.5 million immunizations to ImmTrac for 365,000 Registry clients. Mr. Longoria continued his review of the *March 2007 ImmTrac Status Report* by providing a legislative update on six bills filed relating to ImmTrac. In response to a participant's question about the legislative process, Mr. Longoria explained there is a possibility that some of these bills could be modified, including the incorporation of language from another bill.

Mr. Longoria then shared with the Group that 39 health plans are registered to report to ImmTrac, representing 80% of the market share of payors licensed to operate in Texas. He explained that the remaining 20% represents smaller payors that may not have

immunization data for children.

Ms. Adriana Rhames of the ImmTrac Program Coordination Team (PCT) continued the review of the *March 2007 ImmTrac Status Report* by providing an update on the promotional and educational activities of the Registry Group. Ms. Rhames also discussed progress on the IPWG High-Priority Actions by informing the members that ImmTrac will again be collaborating with hospital child birth educators beginning in April 2007 as part of the effort to educate birth registrars about the ImmTrac newborn consent process and improve hospitals' performance on implementation of the process. Ms. Rhames noted that the Immunization Branch has secured ad space in *Texas Hospitals* magazine thanking birth registrars for their role in the newborn consent process and recognizing the 2006 *ImmTrac Award for Excellence* recipients. Ms. Rhames added that an ad promoting the effective use of ImmTrac will appear in the *Texas Family Physician* magazine.

Mr. Longoria added that the DSHS Immunization Branch is funding over 80 new positions through local health departments in Texas. He explained the new staff will conduct outreach activities including contacting parents and providers to increase the number of complete records in ImmTrac. Mr. Longoria continued his review of the *March 2007 ImmTrac Status Report*, providing an update on the Electronic Data Translation (EDT) Pilot Project. Mr. Longoria explained that ImmTrac has successfully completed implementation of its EDT capability and the enhancement is in final testing. He also provided an update on the implementation of the HL7 data exchange capability, explaining it has been completed and ImmTrac is prepared to begin work with the pilot sites. There were several questions from participants regarding these updates and Mr. Longoria responded to their questions.

Mr. Longoria then spoke about three recently implemented technical enhancements to the ImmTrac application: the "Quick Search" feature, the "Filter by Your Site's County" feature, and the "Request Client Add" process.

There were several questions from Group members regarding interfaces between ImmTrac and other registries, the impact of data received from health plans/payors, and the completeness of children's records in ImmTrac. Mr. Longoria provided a response to each of their questions and comments.

Next IPWG Meeting:

Mr. Longoria stated that the next IPWG meeting is scheduled for June 5th and the format would be face-to-face. A Group member asked if the next meeting could be held closer to downtown Austin, and Mr. Longoria replied that the request would be taken into consideration.

Closing Comments and Adjourn:

Mr. Longoria thanked the Group for their support and added that they will be notified when the advertisements in the *Texas Family Physician* and *Texas Hospitals* magazines are posted on the ImmTrac website. He then adjourned the meeting.