



**Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group
Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2013
The Westin Hotel at the Domain, Austin Texas**

Attendees:

Adelaide Perez Superior Health Plan	Kathy Clark WellPoint
Aimee Lawrence Comal County Health Department	Kathy Wehmeyer DSHS Midland
Alex Ayala Austin Travis County Health Department	Kay Sabine Wichita Falls County Health District
Alice Bufkin Texans Care For Children	Keila Johnson DSHS HSR1
Alice Hallgren Fort Bend County Health Department	Kenzi Guerrero DSHS Austin
Amelia Flores Hays County Local Health Department	Kim Roberson Texas Pharmacy Association
Ana I. Nunez DSHS HSR 11	Lala Yerger Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District
Andrea Stricklin Merck Vaccines	Laura Lerma Texas Nurses Association
Anita A. Colbert Tarrant County Health Department	Lauren Miller DSHS Austin
Barbara Davis Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services	Linh Le Public Consulting Group
Becky Jacks GlaxoSmithKlien Vaccines	Lois Reiszner Meningitis Angels
Belinda Granados Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District	Lori Koehler Medimmune
Carrie Perkins DSHS Austin	Luis Valenzuela DSHS Austin
Chad Stonecipher Walgreens Pharmacies	Margie Rodriguez Hays County Local Health Department
Cheryl Millican DSHS HSR 2/3	Mark Ritter CDC DSHS Austin
Clark Petty San Antonio Metropolitan Health District	Maria Cruz DSHS HSR 11
Codie Prinz DSHS Austin	Martha McGlothlin Litaker Group
Coleen Christian Austin Travis County Health Department	Maureen Moore Texas Immunization Partnership
Danielle Hughes Texas Immunization Partnership	Minnie Hernandez Denton County Health Department
Danny Acosta Immunize El Paso	Miracle Caster Bell County Public Health District
Decrecia Robinson Houston Department Health Human Services	Nelda Mendez Hays County Health District
Del Negron Novartis Vaccines	Nidhi Nakra Texas Immunization Partnership
Delia Garza Hildago County Health and Human Services	Patsy Schanbaum The Jamie Group
Deneice Pryor DSHS THSteps	Rachal Porras DSHS HSR 9/10
Donna Anders DSHS Midland	Ralph Hillard Public Consulting Group
Donna Miller Brown Brownwood County Health Department	Robin C. Carlyle Texas Immunization Partnership
Dr. Barry Lachman PCHP/Texas Association Health Plans	Sandra Hermosa San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Dr. Katharina Hathaway Texas Association Family Practice	Saroj Rai DSHS Austin
Dr. Neil Levy Aetna	Shirin Metayer DSHS Austin
Dr. Subhakar Mutyala Scott and White Health Plan	Stacy Schweitzer Williamson County and Cities Health District
Dusty Gonzalez NorthEast Texas Public Health District	Stephanie Martin DSHS HSR 6/5s
Dusty Warden Immunize El Paso	Stephanie Milani Pfizer Vaccines
Emily Babcock Texas Medical Association	Sylvia Warren NorthEast Texas Public Health District



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Erika Reyes Denton County HD	Tammara Scroggins Dallas County Department Health human Services
Frankie Milley Meningitis Angels	Tammie Little DSHS HRS 4/5
Isabel Hargrove Austin Travis County Health Department	Tammy Wishard Texas Medical Association
Jennifer Jackson Sanofi Vaccines	Teresa Bates Tarrant County Public Health
Jennifer Sutherland Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District	Verne LaGrega Texas Association Community Health Centers
Judy Merritt Scientific Technologies Corporation	Vicki Cowling DSHS Austin
Kathleen Street DSHS Austin	Vivian Harris DSHS Austin
Kathy Carlisle Bell County Public Health District	Vivian Porter CDC DSHS Austin
Kathy Cavin Austin Travis County Health Department	

Notes:

Registration and Networking	ALL	
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Martha McGlothlin, (Litaker Group) Meeting Facilitator Saroj Rai, PhD Manager, Immunization Branch (DSHS)	The meeting was called to order by Martha McGlothlin at 0835. Dr. Saroj was introduced and greeted the stakeholders with information of how the DSHS Immunization Branch has been doing since the last Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group, TISWG, meeting. There have been many new staff members added to the Immunization Branch in both leadership and staff roles. Brief introductions of attendees were made. In addition, several first time TISWG attendees were present. Dr. Rai touched upon the progress of the legislative session and bills represented by the Texas legislature.
Brief TISWG Orientation	Vivian Harris (DSHS)	Vivian Harris provided a brief presentation on the history of TISWG. The TISWG was formulated as a recommendation of various studies and legislation passed by the 78th legislature to increase partnerships across the state of Texas. The primary purpose for this group was to raise vaccine coverage levels and improve immunization practices for all Texans. Please see Power Point presentation attached.
Immunization Branch Update	Saroj Rai, PhD Mark Ritter, (CDC Advisor)	Dr Rai introduced Mark Ritter, CDC Advisor who provided an update on ACIP strategies and the following changes and expectations experienced across the nation. Topics of discussion focused on the Texas Childhood population and Texas Vaccines for Children update, vaccine supply issues, the 2013-2014 Influenza Update, the adult safety net for vaccines and the future of the adult vaccine program. Mr. Ritter began his discussion with the change of how eligible and ineligible recipients of the Vaccines for Children's Program according to new federal standards are identified. Who is now considered insured, uninsured and under insured. Additionally education is stressed as a needed factor for both public and private providers to assist in the reduction of these VPD outbreaks found in Texas cities. The education must include a basic review of disease, capturing missed opportunities to vaccinate and reducing the



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		wide spread misinformation of vaccine preventable disease. Vaccine supply and shortages of vaccines were also covered with a review and reminder of ordering doses available. Mr. Ritter entertained several questions followed with answers. Please see the documentation provided in a PowerPoint Presentation attached.
Adolescent Immunization Discussion	Saroj Rai, PhD Kenzi Guerrero (DSHS)	Kenzi Guerrero, DSHS Epidemiologist provided background information on the status of adolescent vaccinations in Texas. In addition Ms. Guerrero provided an update on measles in Texas as well as pertussis incidences. Other brief items addressed included healthcare worker vaccinations, Immunization coverage of Tdap, and Tdap administration during pregnancy. An overall review provided information an adolescent vaccination with emphasis on various aspects on the history of adolescent vaccinations to include the status of meningococcal and the Human Papilloma Vaccine HPV status. Also discussed were the recent measurements through the National Immunization surveys, and low coverage levels of these required vaccines. The facilitator directed the group into table discussion. Based on the information provided to the group, the members were asked to align themselves with their disciplines to discuss adolescent vaccinations. The disciplines included physicians, health plans, professional health associations, community based organizations, parents, local and regional health departments. Members were asked to identify strengths and barriers that would be most helpful in assisting DSHS in raising adolescent vaccination levels. What activities have been successful to support or provide adolescent immunizations? What type of outreach efforts were used to promote adolescent vaccination, and what suggestions can be made to reach parents of adolescents in efforts to improve compliance and increase coverage levels? A summary of gathered stakeholder input is attached.
Break	ALL	
The Texas Billables Project	Ralph Hillard, Public Consulting Group	Mr. Ralph Hilliard presented a required update on a current study of the Billables project granted to DSHS by the Centers for Disease Prevention. He described the steps taken over the last 8 months and provided details on its findings. DSHS will determine capability, next steps and implementation.
Future of TISWG – A Facilitated Discussion	Martha McGlothlin	Based on the information provided to the group earlier on the history of TISWG, members were asked to discuss in their disciplined groups the future of TISWG. There were numerous suggestions reflecting, frequency, and length of time, location of meetings, in addition to the top three attributes of TISWG, which is information sharing, networking and improving immunization services and infrastructure.
Next Steps, Closing Remarks,	Saroj Rai, PhD	Dr. Rai gave closing remarks and stated TISWG future meetings will be determined once the recommendations are reviewed and considered. Next steps are to be determined.



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<p>Announcements Evaluation Adjournment</p>	<p>Chad Stonecipher, Walgreen Pharmacies</p> <p>Frankie Milley, Meningitis Angels</p>	<p>Vivian Harris introduced Mr. Chad Stonecipher to discuss the Vaccinate Texas Campaign, followed by an introduction of Frankie Milley of Meningitis Angels presenting a trailer viewing of the soon to be released film "Invisible Threat".</p> <p>Mr. Chad Stonecipher of Walgreen Pharmacies presented a promotional vaccination project on Influenza. Vaccinate Texas is a campaign designed to bring together entities from both the Texas public health and Texas private health sector to increase flu vaccination rates across Texas during National Influenza Vaccination Week December 8-14, 2013. Mr. Stonecipher described what was involved with partnering with the Walgreen Vaccinate Texas. Each member will actively promote Vaccinate Texas, prior to and during NIVW, use marketing tools provided in the Walgreens Vaccinate Texas Toolkit provided free of charge, and lastly be responsible for creating the buzz around flu vaccination using social media, websites, emails, contests etc.</p> <p>Meeting ended with the viewing of the trailer of Invisible Threat presented by Mrs. Frankie Milley and at adjournment questions were taken and answered.</p> <p>Participants were asked to provide a written evaluation of today's meeting. A summary can also be found attached.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.</p>
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