

**Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group (TISWG)  
Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2006**

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The Commons Center at the University of Texas JJ Pickle Research Campus  
Stadium Conference Room 1.138  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Participants**

Decrecia Robinson, Houston Department Health and Human Services; Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Elizabeth Sjoberg, Texas Hospital Association ; Curtis Krause, Medimmune Vaccines; Rob Ripperda, Texas Academy of Family Physician; Della Sprager, Travis County – Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Judy Willgren, Health and Human Services Commission; Oscar Valles, GlaxoSmithKline; Cliff Pumphrey, Wyeth Vaccines; Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologist; Dr. Barry Lachman, Texas Association of Health Plans; Kim Roberson, Texas Pharmacy Association; Velma Gonzales, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services – Early Childhood Intervention ; Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Kathy Moore, Texas Association Local Health Officials ; Dr. Neil S. Levy, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association; Tom Cowan, Texas Education Agency

**New Members and Guests**

Andrea Stricklin, Merck Vaccine; Tamra K. Deuser, MD, Texas Academy of Family Physician; Kandis Ream, Texas Education Agency; Sharon Slater, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Disease Prevention & Intervention Section; Jennifer Banda, Texas Hospital Association; Ed Kothera, Sanofi Pasteur

**DSHS Staff**

Beverly McCarty, Purchased Health Services; Kathy Clement, Texas Health Steps; Vivian Harris, Christine Contreras, Mark Ritter, Jack Sims, David Scott, Lupe M. Garcia, Anita Freeman, Claude Longoria, and Tim Hawkins, Disease Prevention and Intervention Section.

New Member orientation was held from 8:30 am through 9:00 am in Bevo Conference Room 1.140. General session was called to order at 9:15 am.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Mr. David Scott welcomed TISWG members, meeting participants, and introduced facilitator, Dan Walters.

**Introduction of All Participants:** TISWG members and meeting participants introduced themselves and the organization they represented.

**Review of Minutes:** Mr. David Scott asked for any feedback/comments regarding last meeting minutes. Having no comments, the minutes were approved and are now final. The minutes with attachments may be viewed at the following web address: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm>

**Agenda Review Content and Expectations:** Mr. Dan Walters reviewed the agenda and discussed meeting expectations with participants.

**Texas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative:** The Texas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative is a project funded by the U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau which addresses the needs of our youngest children ages 0-5 years. Ms. Judy Willgren provided a presentation on “Raising Texas – With Sound Minds and Sound Bodies”. She also distributed a hard copy of the presentation and two handouts, *Raising Texas*, an overview of the project and *Texas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative: Office of Program Coordination of Children and Youth, HHSC* which list the five main focus areas. The presentation is posted at the following website for viewing: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm> .

- **Next Steps:**

- Dr. Neil S. Levy recommended that his previous presentation on Universal Vaccines be shared with Ms. Judy Willgren.

**Medical Home Updates:** The Medical Home Workgroup met in April 2006. Some of the on-going activities are outlined in the *Medical Home Workgroup Minutes* handout. Dr. Barry Lachman shared information about the Parkland Community Health Plan Research Study and CATCH grant at Children’s Hospital in Dallas that is working with the Parkland Community Clinic to measure and compare parent and provider perceptions of the characteristics of a medical home.

- **Next Steps:**

- Next Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Home Workgroup is scheduled for July 11, 2006.

**Immunization Branch Update:** Mr. Jack Sims provided an update concerning the following Immunization Branch issues and also distributed a handout, *Immunization Branch Updates*.

- Legislative Interim Study - An anticipated start date will be mid to late June. One strategy that will be reviewed is the Immunization Branch’s purchasing policy for vaccines.
- Pertussis Campaign – Funds have been identified to conduct a pertussis media campaign. The campaign will focus on the importance of vaccines and completing vaccination series as well as Tdap boosters for adolescents and adults.
- Immunization Summit- A recent Immunization Summit was held among the four largest metropolitan areas in Texas. Directors from the City of Houston Health and Human Services, the Dallas County Health Department, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, and the El Paso City/County Public Health and Environmental Health District participated in the May event. Information gained from the conference will be shared once all data is tabulated.
- A Statewide Immunization Conference is being considered for 2007.
- A “Call to Action” meeting is scheduled for September 12-13, 2006. This meeting will be held with local health departments aimed to repeat the successes

of the Immunization Summit.

- Budget Issues – Currently we are \$2,118,789 short in Section 317 funding for 2006. Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) funding is solid. Rotavirus vaccine will be implemented in the coming days and will not be two-tiered.
- Exceptional Item Update – Legislative exceptional items include three (3) new vaccines. The request for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is being combined with DSHS' Lab requests to improve screening for cervical cancer. These requests remain part of the top 25 items for the Department this session.
- Reminder/Recall – “Be Wise, Immunize” tool boxes will be distributed to those TVFC clinics that do not have a reminder/recall system in place. DSHS will also provide instructions and training.
- St. Davids's Health Foundations – The “ImmTech Strategies for ImmTrac Summit” will be held in Austin June 12-13, 2006.

**Pertussis in Texas:** The number of pertussis cases has increased in the last two years. There were nine (9) deaths from pertussis in 2005. Eight (8) of those death were infants, one was an elderly person. Ms. Lupe Mandujano-Garcia distributed a handout titled *Pertussis Disease Prevention and Intervention in Texas* which gives preliminary data on the Number of Cases 2004-2006, Pertussis Deaths 1999-2005, Pertussis Death in Texas for 2005, and Top 10 Pertussis Counties by Incidence Rate for 2005. It also highlights some main issue points for the proposed Pertussis Media Campaign.

- **Next Steps**
  - Gather and analyze data needed to determine target population and geographic area for media campaign.
  - Determine best strategies for providing media campaign in both English & Spanish.
  - Use the following two upcoming national immunization observance dates to deliver message:
    - National Immunization Awareness Month in August
    - Adult Immunization Awareness Week – Late September
  - **Question:** How can TISWG help promote Pertussis education? Any questions or ideas regarding pertussis education please contact Ms. Lupe Mandujano-Garcia via email at LupeM.Garcia@dshs.state.tx.us. She is currently looking for partners.

### **2006 Goals: Status Reports and Next Steps:**

- Goal 1: Promote Adolescent Vaccination (Top Priority) – reviewed desired results, actions, and team members. Selected Dr. Jason V. Terk as team leader. In his absence, Carrie Kroll gave an update on the team status. She and Dr. Terk have been leading the team via email. They reviewed the action list and selected

the high leverage actions to begin focus on improvements.

- **Action:** One addition was added to the Action List, *Continuing Education for School Nurses*. Another suggested addition to the list is: *Working with Home School Associations (Crediting Organization)*.
- **Comment:** The education focus of the team is inline with Ms. Mandujano-Garcia's media campaign.

- Goal 2: Increase 4<sup>th</sup> DTap Coverage – reviewed desired results, actions, and team members. Selected Dr. Neil S. Levy as team leader. Dr. Neil S. Levy provided a presentation “Recommendation for Improving Compliance with the DTap #4 Immunization”, listing relevant factors affecting DTap #4 along with recommendations for improvement. The presentation is posted at the following website for viewing: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm>.

- Goal 3: Complete Original Category List (Data Outcomes) – Determined to be overarching for other goals.

- Goal 4: Evaluate Progress of all Categories – this goal is in progress and on going. The desired result from last meeting was to provide TISWG updates as needed. Team Leaders were identified for each sub-group formed for goals 1, 2, 6 and 8.

**Next Steps:** Sub-groups continue to meet and provide feedback at next scheduled TISWG meeting.

- Goal 5: Resources-Membership- Involve TAFP for Adolescent Issues – Dr. Tamara Deuser, Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) attended and provided valuable input. Mr. Ripperda also attended today's meeting, representing TAFP.

- Goal 6: Promote Education and Marketing of ImmTrac – reviewed desired results, actions and team members. Mr. Claude Longoria was selected as team leader. The sub-group has not met formally since the last meeting, but Mr. Longoria has been working with ImmTrac Provider Working Group IPWG, a sub-group of TISWG with the sole focus on ImmTrac. Mr. Longoria distributed two handouts, *ImmTrac Provider Working Group (IPWG) March 3, 2006*, which list the shared vision and goals of the group and *THA Members Awarded for Hospital/Birthing Center Performance*, an insert from the *March/April 2006, Texas Hospitals* newsletter. The article gave recognition to those hospitals that have shown exemplary, recognized and commendable performance in the implementations of the newborn consent processing into ImmTrac registry.

- Goal 7: Collaborate with OB/GYN to enhance maternal Flu vaccine – Dr. R. Moss Hampton provided an update on some actions taken by the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (TAOG).

- Messages regarding Immunizations and ImmTrac have been posted on TAOG website. <http://www.txobgyn.org/p10.html>

<http://www.txobgyn.org/p11.html>

- ImmTrac was mentioned at the annual TAOG meeting in May. Discussion of comments followed as such: Age Restriction of the input in the immunization registry was one concern identified. TAOG members voiced they would like to have a life long registry. Some OB/GYN's would like to have a registry like ImmTrac to track their patients.
- **Goal 8: Provider Education** – reviewed desired results, actions, and team members. Ms. Susan Griffin reported issues of Provider Education also presented during the “Promoting Adolescent Vaccination” sub committee discussion. Volunteers recommended forming a web based sub committee. A handout entitled, “Category B: Provider Education”, containing information and suggestions in regards to improving provider education was redistributed.
  - **Team Members:** Dr. Neil S. Levy, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (team leader); Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Dr. Barry Lachman, Texas Association for Health Plans; Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Dr. Tamra Deuser, Texas Academy of Family Physicians.
  - **Actions:** Add to Action List - *Provider Education into the Curriculum in Medical Schools*
  - **Next Steps:** Invite key personnel from Medical Schools to next the TISWG meeting

**New Issues:** No comments or concerns stated.

**Next Steps for Next Meeting:**

- Sub-groups continue to meet from now until next meeting. At the next meeting, subgroups will report to TISWG and discuss subgroup goals and tasks that were accomplished, as well as those goals, recommendations, and items not yet completed.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2006. Location to be announced.
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting:
  - Updates for Each Goal

**Meeting Evaluation/Closing Remarks:**

- Negatives
  - Room Noise
  - Amplification – Hard to hear at other end of room
  - Tardy Lunches
  - Non-Healthy Menu Offered at Cafe
- Positives
  - Stayed On Target - Focused
  - Attendance
  - Leadership
  - Valuable New Members

- Comfortable Room Format

**Adjourn:**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.