

**Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group (TISWG)
Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2007**

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
1015 Norwood Park Blvd., Room 1124
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participants

Kurt Stembridge, GlaxoSmithKline; Judy Willgren, Health and Human Services Commission; Decrecia Robinson, Houston Department of Health and Human Services; Ed Kothera, Med Immune; Andrea Stricklin and Holly Jacques, Merck Vaccines; Dr. Barry Lachman, Texas Association of Health Plans; Kathy Dreyer, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Kathy Moore, Texas Association of Local Health Officials; Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Velma Gonzales, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services – Early Childhood Intervention; Crystal Zamarron and Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Dr. Jason V. Terk, Texas Pediatric Society; Kim Roberson, Texas Pharmacy Association; Clifford Pumphrey, Wyeth Vaccines; Dan Walters, Dan Walters Associates; facilitator

New Members and Guests

Terrence Campbell, City of Houston; Reece Patterson, Sanofi Pasteur; Hilary Dennis, Med Immune; Michael Basco, Molina Healthcare; Camille Pridgen, Texas Higher Education Coordination Board; Clark Petty, Gloria Johnson and Sandra Hermosa, San Antonio Metro Health; Lauren Clark and Mary Klein, Texas Pharmacy Association; Carol Harvey, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Purchased Health Services Unit; Jennifer French, DSHS – Texas Health Steps; Kim Petrilli, DSHS – Title V.

DSHS Staff

Terri Kemp, DSHS Region 7; Carol Donsbach, Infectious Disease Control; Kathy Clement, Texas Health Steps; Nicole Strawn, Office of the Elimination of Health Disparities; Anita Freeman, Christine Contreras, Claude Longoria, David Scott, Jack Sims, John Gemar, Karen Hess, Lupe M. Garcia, Monica Gamez, Sharon Slater, Tim Hawkins and Vivian Harris, Disease Prevention and Intervention Section.

New Member orientation was held from 8:30 am through 9:00 am. General session was called to order at 9:00 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 organizations they represent.

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

Promoting Adolescent Vaccination: Mr. Jack Sims introduced Mr. John Gemar, newly selected Adult/Adolescent Coordinator with DSHS Immunization Branch. Mr. Gemar's main goal is to develop and implement the Business Plan to improve adult and adolescent immunization coverage levels with guidance from Texas 2007 Continuation Immunization Grant Application, TISWG members, local and regional managers, and other stakeholder input. He hopes to complete the draft plan by June 1, 2007. He distributed handout, *Immunization Branch, Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Group, Adult/Adolescent Immunization (AAI) Coordinator Update, March 13, 2007*, (1) which he presented to the DSHS Immunization Managers the previous week, identifying

the Immunization Branch expectations as well as his vision and priorities.

Business Plan Development: Mr. Dan Walters reviewed TISWG’s recommendation to Promote Adolescent Vaccination as stated in handout, *TISWG Recommendation with DSHS Response*, (2). Dr. Jason V. Terk presented “*Promotion of Adolescent Immunization*” (3) in which his work group identified the boundaries, solutions and listed recommendations to accomplish goal #1 – Promote Adolescent Vaccination. The presentation is posted at the following website for viewing: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm>

The group divided into four different working groups;

Table 1: Provider Recruitment and Engaging Specialty Societies, Ms. Karen Hess was assigned to group 1.

Table 2: Provider Education, Mr. Claude Longoria was assigned to group 2.

Table 3: Public Education, Ms. Lupe M. Garcia was assigned to group 3.

Table 4: Alternative Vaccination Sites & Non-comprehensive Visits, Ms. Anita Freeman was assigned to group 4. All other members voted by foot to a table of their choice.

Each group was asked to identify their desired results for promoting adolescent vaccination, current reality, and actions to close the gap from current reality to desired results. Each group then identified their top three high leverage actions; a spokesperson reported all responses back to the full group of TISWG participants. Responses are listed as “*TISWG Small Workgroup Responses*” and are attached, (4).

Legislative, Branch and Other Updates: Mr. Jack Sims provided an update concerning the following Immunization Branch issues.

- Legislative: Senate Bill and House Bill Status Logs regarding Immunizations were distributed, (5). Mr. Jack Sims reviewed each bill listed. You may visit the following website to track any bills: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>
- Vaccine Management Improvement Project: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is moving to nationwide vaccine distributor. Health Service Regions and Local Health Departments will be working with providers over the next 5 months regarding any changes.
- Updates on Other TISWG Sub-Group Recommendations:
 - **Increase the 4th DTaP:** The Immunization Branch of DSHS and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services mailed questionnaires to all day-care facilities asking them to help identify the number of children not up-to-date on the 4th dose of DTaP, 4th dose of PCV7, 2nd dose of Hepatitis A, and the 1st dose of MMR.
 - **Promote Education and Marketing of ImmTrac:** ImmTrac Provider

Working Group continues to be very successful. In late January, 2007, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas reported immunization data into ImmTrac for the first time, resulting in the addition of over 2.5 million immunizations into the registry. Recognition was given to Dr. Barry Lachman for his involvement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield reporting to ImmTrac.

- **Collaborate with OB/GYN:** Last fall the Texas Association of OB/GYN's included information on ImmTrac in their annual newsletter.
- **Promote and Increase Provider Education:** Launched evaluation of the Quality Assurance Contract. Plans for developing a series of modules on web-based training on certain topics.
- **Public Education:** Currently evaluating last year's media campaign, and preparing for the next one. This year's campaign will center on general immunizations.

New Items/Next Steps:

- Update on Adolescent Business Plan
- Legislative Impact and Implementation Status
- RSV Prevention as a Component of ImmTrac (feasibility) – Pending the outcome of Legislative Session
- Statewide Pandemic Flu Plan
- Next Meeting to be determined
- Negatives
 - Lunch Plan
 - Acoustics (with small groups)
- Positives
 - Table Grouping
 - Focus on One Topic
 - Having Meeting in March instead of February
 - Refreshments
 - Openness of Room
 - Easy Access to Facility
 - Vivian's Coordination

Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.