

**TEXAS IMMUNIZATION STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP (TISWG)
APRIL 14, 2005
MEETING SUMMARY**

As requested by the TISWG, an orientation was held for new members and Subject Matter Experts before the general meeting.

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NEW MEMBER AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS
ORIENTATION MEETING**

1. Participants:

Bobbie Hansel - Amerigroup Health Plans
Clifford Pumphrey – Wyeth Pharmaceuticals
Karen Batchelor – Texas Education Agency
Linda Crawford – Texas Education Agency
Maxwell Ene – City of Houston
Rosemary Dawes – Amerigroup Health Plans
Susan Briner – Parkland Community Oriented Primary Care Centers

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff:

Ana Ivette Nunez (Health Service Region 11)

DSHS-Disease Prevention and Intervention Section (DPI) staff:

Vivian Williams-Harris, David Scott, Cheryl Bowcock, Julie Townsend, Tony Aragon

2. Welcome and Introductions of staff and participants

All participants were introduced.

3. Presentation:

There was a brief presentation about the Texas Immunization Stakeholders Working Group (Who and why we are)

Discussion included:

- Texas Immunization System (Handout: Orientation slide presentation packet.)
- TISWG Charge (Handout-background and purpose, objectives and activities, work group participating programs.)
- TISWG Members.
- History of previous meetings.

4. Why Subject Matter Experts (SME's)?

A brief discussion was given to explain SME's.

5. What we have achieved this far

- Status update (handout from the February 3, 2005 meeting.)
- Previous meetings and handouts (optional).

6. **Website Resource:** www.ImmunizeTexas.com. Handout: Immunization Branch web page and web page regarding TISWG and other partnerships.
7. **Other Handouts:**
 - Best Practices for Increasing Immunization Rates In Texas (background, registries, reminder/recall systems, public/provider education, promote a medical home for all children.)
 - Importance of Vaccines – (background, current situation, recommendations.)
 - Why Vaccination is Critical to the Public Health (background, conclusion.)
8. **Questions** - Time was allowed for questions.
9. **Adjourned**