

**Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group (TISWG)
Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2006**

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

Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Jennifer Banda, Texas Hospital Association; Kurt Stembridge, GlaxoSmithKline; Clifford Pumphrey, Wyeth Vaccines; Edward Kothera, Sanofi; Andrea Stricklin, Merck; Dr. Neil S. Levy, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association; Stephanie Tabone, Texas Nurses Association; Tommy Cowan, Kandis Ream, and Marissa Rathbone, Texas Education Agency; Dr. Jason V. Terk, Texas Pediatric Society; Dr. Barry Lachman, Texas Association of Health Plans; Kyle Ward, Texas Parent Teacher Association; Kim Roberson, and Mary Vinklerek, Texas Pharmacy Association; Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Kathy Dryer, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Frankie Milley, and Berry Bear, Meningitis Angels; Rob Ripperda, Texas Academy of Family Physicians; Judy Willgren, Health and Human Services Commission; and Walters, Dan Walters Associates; Facilitator

New Members and Guests

Angela M. Hobbs-Lopez, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Child and Adolescent Health
Kyle Ward, Texas Parent Teacher Association; Carol Donsbach, DSHS, Infectious Disease Control; Pat Feagin Czepiel, DSHS Regional and Local Health Services; Mary Vinklerek, Texas Pharmacy Association, Intern; Nicole Strawn, DSHS, Office of the Elimination of Health Disparities; Dr. Sanchez, Commissioner.

DSHS Staff

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner; Sandra Morris, Carol Donsbach, Infections Disease Control; Pat Feagin Czepiel, Regional and Local Services; Nicole Strawn, Office of the Elimination of Health Disparities; Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Purchased Health Services; Robin Scott, Office of Program Coordination; Vivian Harris, Christine Contreras, Sharon Slater, Jack Sims, David Scott, Lupe M. Garcia, Anita Freeman, Claude Longoria, Adriana Rhames, Tim Hawkins, Karen Hess, and Maria Maldonado, 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 9:11 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.

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 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.

NCIC Review: Ms. Vivian Harris attended the 7th Annual National Conference of Immunization Coalitions held in Denver, Colorado. She reported she presented TISWG on a panel discussing the benefits of partnerships in public health, and that the TISWG

accomplishments were well applauded.

Immunization Branch Update: Mr. Jack Sims provided an update concerning the following Immunization Branch issues. Three handouts were distributed: *Immunization Branch Updates*, *Pharmacy Inventory Control System- PICS*, and a *PICS flowchart indicating the interactions between the User, TWICES, and IMMTRAC*.

- **Bar coding:** The Immunization Branch is requesting that all representatives from manufacturers talk with their companies to implement a bar coding system on prefilled syringes and individual dose vials. The bar code should contain the vaccine type, lot number, expiration date, everything required to document a chart or registry, and use uniformed technology so readers could read the barcodes of any product.
- **Medical Home:** A high priority, the Immunization Branch will increase promotion of the medical home.
- **Recent Immunization Summit:** A recent summit of the four areas in Texas measured by the National Immunization Survey was held early spring. As a result, a “call to action” meeting is planned for September 13 & 14, 2006, among the 52 local health departments. Hope to repeat the success of the initial summit.
- **Adolescent/Adult Vaccinations and ImmTrac:** The Immunization Branch has received approval from leadership to enhance DSHS regional and Austin Office infrastructure with full time positions that will focus on promotion of adolescent and adult vaccinations as well as ImmTrac. Adolescent/Adult Vaccinations will now have its own portion in the Federal Grant for Immunizations CY 2007.
- **Senate Hearing Interim:** September 19th is the Senate Hearing on the Interim Charge. A notice of request for input was included as part of *Immunization Branch Updates*.
- **Other Hot Topics:**
 - The National Immunization Survey is to be released September 15, 2006. The survey measurement of 4.3.1.3.3.1, adds Varicella to the measurement.
 - Effective September/October Human Papilloma Vaccine, HPV will no longer be 2 tiered.
 - Implemented free TDaP and Hepatitis B vaccines for adults served in Texas Public Health Department Clinics with some restrictions and guidelines. The vaccine inventories are estimated to last one year.
- **Pharmacy Inventory Control System (PICS):** PICS is a free internet-based electronic system with the functionality to receive, track, transfer and maintain vaccine inventory that is purchased through the Texas Vaccines for Children

(TFVC) program. Some benefits to the system include workload reduction, job quality improvements and management tools. It is required that PICS users be trained on the system. Web-based training will be available.

Committee Reports and Updates

Medical Home Update: The “Medical Home” approach centers on the wellness, prevention and early intervention practices in the young child while promoting optimal child development physically, mentally, and socially within a comprehensive, integrated system of care. A component with the project is for all kids under the age of six and all children within the state of Texas to receive optimal care. Ms. Judy Willgren provided an update from the last statewide Medical Home Workgroup meeting held in July.

- **Medical Home Report:** The latest electronic publication of “The Medical Home & Early Child Development in Primary Care” by Calvin C.J. Sia, MD; Lynn B. Wilson, PhD; and Sharon Taba, MEd; is now available online: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/cpti/MedicalHome%202006.pdf>
- **Hearing Detection & Follow-up** – Looking into ways to ensure that newborns that fail a hearing detection during their newborn screening return for a follow-up.
- **Managed Care** – Coordination of Care within Medical Home, Therapist, Family and Public through Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) and DARS.
- **Texas Parent to Parent Group** - currently conducting presentations and conference to promote the Medical Home concept. They created Medical Home Toolkits, available at the following website: <http://www.txp2p.org/medicalhometoolkit.htm>
- **Next Steps:**
 - Continue to provide updates from Medical Home Workgroup
 - WIC – to establish assessment and referral system

Promote Adolescent Vaccination Goal #1: Dr. Jason Terk provided a presentation “*Promotion of Adolescent Immunization*” in which his group identified the boundaries, solutions and listed recommendation 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>

- **Action:** Review the following seven recommendations and provide feedback:
 - Establish and promote the three adolescent vaccination platforms
 - Strike balance between desire to immunize at every opportunity and maintenance of anticipatory guidance in the medical home
 - Engage specialty societies in effort to promote provider education
 - Develop adolescent immunization toolkit to aid provider in educating their patients/parents
 - Develop message for various media to generate public demand
 - Assess outcomes by tracking rates of adolescent vaccine coverage
 - Advocate alignment of funding with cost
- **Next Steps:**
 - Make presentation available for TISWG members to review

- Add discussion of this item to agenda for next meeting

TISWG Appreciation & Recognition: Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner of DSHS applauded TISWG’s work and efforts in promoting Public Health. As a celebration of TISWG’s second year anniversary, Mr. Jack Sims presented Dr. Sanchez and all of TISWG’s members with a Certificate of Appreciation for exemplary commitment, contributions and dedication to the workgroup and service to the people of Texas.

Increase 4th DTaP Coverage Goal #2: Dr. Neil Levy distributed a handout, *Minutes of the DTaP #4 Subcommittee Web Meeting*. His group reviewed and discussed the three-prong approach recommendation from their previous report and provided additional recommendations for Prong II - Education: Require education about immunizations for re-licensing of child care centers and De-fragment the licensure and enforcement situation.

- **Recommendation:** The Texas Department of Family Protective Services and Texas Department of State Health Services work together (coordinate their activities) to enforce and regulate authority.
- **Action:** Identified four categories for discussions:
 - Day Care online learning coupled to licensure
 - Information Needs
 - Contact and Recruitment
 - Outreach.
- **Next Steps:** Continue to develop approach of above recommendations. Follow up at future TISWG meetings.

Promote Education and Marketing of ImmTrac Goal #6:

Mr. Claude Longoria provided an update of the ImmTrac Provider Working Group (IPWG) meeting held July 7, 2006, and of the subgroup activities. Two priorities of IPWG are to *focus on education of birth registrars; to optimize newborn enrollment immediately after birth, and to improve and streamline electronic data import functionality.*

- **Actions**
 - Education
 - IPWG discussed the Vital Statistics Newborn Consent Process and suggestions to the process
 - ImmTrac team is making progress on educations and technical assistance for birth registrars
 - Dr. Julie Boom, Texas Children’s Hospital, is currently doing a “time–study” on the Consent Process
 - Improve Input of Data
 - Working on capability to accept data in any format and convert to our compatibility to input into the system
 - Planning to implement in September
 - Looking for partners to test pilot the system – Dr. Levy volunteered
 - Working on Health Level Seven (HL7) electronic standards

implementation – standardized data exchange protocol

- Looking for partners in October to test pilot
- Rollout of HL7 is targeted for January '07

ImmTrac Sub Group Activities

- Dr. Lachman discussed efforts with Health Plans to promote ImmTrac reporting
- Judy Willgren discussed activities to educate parents and promote ImmTrac
- Clifford Pumphrey discussed efforts to educate providers about ImmTrac and distribute ImmTrac brochures
- **Next Steps:** Group will continue to meet and provide updates on actions and recommendations.

Collaborate with OB/GYN Goal #7: Dr. R. Moss Hampton provided an update on the sub-group's actions.

- Increased communication with Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 - Message on Immunizations and a Link to ImmTrac information has been added to the [Texas Association of Obstetricians & Gynecologists](http://www.txobgyn.org/) (TAOG) website. <http://www.txobgyn.org/>
 - Adriana Rhames of ImmTrac has been invited to talk about ImmTrac at recent TAOG meetings.
 - Plans are to include ImmTrac information in the Fall TAOG Newsletter
- **Next Steps:** Discuss and evaluate progress to see if goal can be considered as accomplished.

Provider Education (Medical Schools) Goal #8: Dr. Neil Levy distributed a handout, *Minutes of the Academic Subcommittee Web Meeting*. These minutes may be found at this location: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm>. The sub-group identified the primary care specialties to be targeted and ways to outreach to the academic community, students, residents and practicing physicians. A “to do” list was created with each member's participation. They will continue to meet and provide feedback to future TISWG meetings.

- **Recommendation:** Add DSHS employee to sub-group and forward identified staff to Ms. Vivian Harris for the minutes.
- **Next Steps:** Discuss with TISWG on how to engage recommendations
 - Follow up on progress of actions and determine if this goal was met.

Public Education (Media Update): Ms. Lupe Mandujano-Garcia distributed a 3 page handout titled *Pertussis Campaign*. The Pertussis Campaign is scheduled to launch August 21, 2006, and run for six weeks. It will air in 8 media markets in English and Spanish on both radio and television. The message of the campaign is to protect children by vaccinating them and vaccinating others around them.

- **Action:** Promote Pertussis Campaign
- **Next Steps:** Expand campaign to other counties and make available for local use.
 - Send Ad materials to Texas Parent Teacher Association to include on

their website

Member New Ideas:

- Add another sub committee for PICS – Possibly a demonstration at next meeting
- Take recommendations forward –Discuss recommendations prior to next meeting,
 - prioritize then discuss with TISWG,
 - track and list recommendations,
 - decide if sub-group charge is done,
 - email before next meeting so everyone has time to review and prepare to comment on.
- Recommend the development of a Speaker' Bureau –
 - Establish a consistent presentation to be given at conferences such as upcoming Texas Pediatric Society Conference in September.
 - Include other settings.

Next Meeting:

- Next Meeting was scheduled for October, TISWG members suggested 1st week in November. Tentative Date: November 2, 2006. Location has not been finalized at this time.

Meeting Evaluation/Closing Remarks:

- Negatives
 - Microphone – would like to have more microphones available
- Positives
 - Tommy Cowan -TEA Support – He will be retiring as of August 31st.
 - Sub-Committees - great reports
 - Agenda was followed closely
 - Alternates were sent in member's absence
 - Updates useful
 - Web Conferences with subcommittees worked well

Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.