

**Texas Immunization
Stakeholder
Working Group
(TISWG)
Orientation Meeting**



Agenda



- Why TISWG?
- Texas Immunization System
- Calls for Collaboration
- Working Group Charge
- Past Accomplishments
- Expectations

Why We Do This

- This is why I want higher immunization rates.
- In 2014 only 64% of children 19-35 months of age got the full 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series.
- That leaves children too young, or who have medical-exemptions at risk.

Why We Are Here

- “Several presenters and discussants... indicated that no single agency or group in the public or the private sector should expect, or should be expected, to solve immunization problems. Speakers... observed that collaboration, consultation, and partnership efforts across levels of government, and between the public and private sectors are essential.”

-- “Setting the Course: A Strategic Vision for Immunization, Part 2, Summary of the Austin Workshop,” National Academy of Sciences, 2002

Texas Immunization System (A Complex Partnership)

- Federal agencies and programs
- State and local governments
- Schools
- Churches
- Health care providers
- Employers
- Insurers and health plans
- Vaccine manufacturers



Calls for Collaboration

- Various Internal and External Stakeholder Studies
- Legislation passed by 78th Texas Legislature
- Immunization Improvement Action Plan

Texas HB 1920 42 U.S.C. Section 1396s

Sec. 161.0095. PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. The department shall develop continuing education programs for providers relating to immunizations and the vaccines for children program operated by the department under authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396s, as amended. The department shall establish a work group to assist the department in developing the continuing education programs and materials. The work group shall include physicians, nurses, department representatives, representatives of managed care organizations that provide health care services under Chapter 533, Government Code, representatives of health plan providers that provide health care services under Chapter 62, and members of the public.

Working Group Charge

OBJECTIVE 1: Provide support for activities to raise vaccine coverage levels and help increase awareness of the importance of early childhood and adolescent vaccination.

OBJECTIVE 2: Work with DSHS to identify and implement improvements to the state immunization system.



The Start of TISWG in 2004

- Introduced Best Practices
 - Reminder/Recall Systems
 - Targeted Consumer Outreach
 - Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac)
 - Public and Parent Education
 - Maintaining a Medical Home
- Provided input into DSHS Immunization Strategic Plan



Accomplishments

- Collaborated with OB-GYN state association and Texas Association of Family Physicians on parent education and adolescent vaccination issues
- During the November '07 meeting, TISWG established three high priority best practice goals as follows:
 - Influenza Immunization Awareness
 - Increasing 4th DTaP Coverage
 - Improving Adolescent Vaccination
- TISWG used as a model for a similar Immunization Stakeholder Working Group development in Western Australia.

Texas Flu Day



Accomplishments

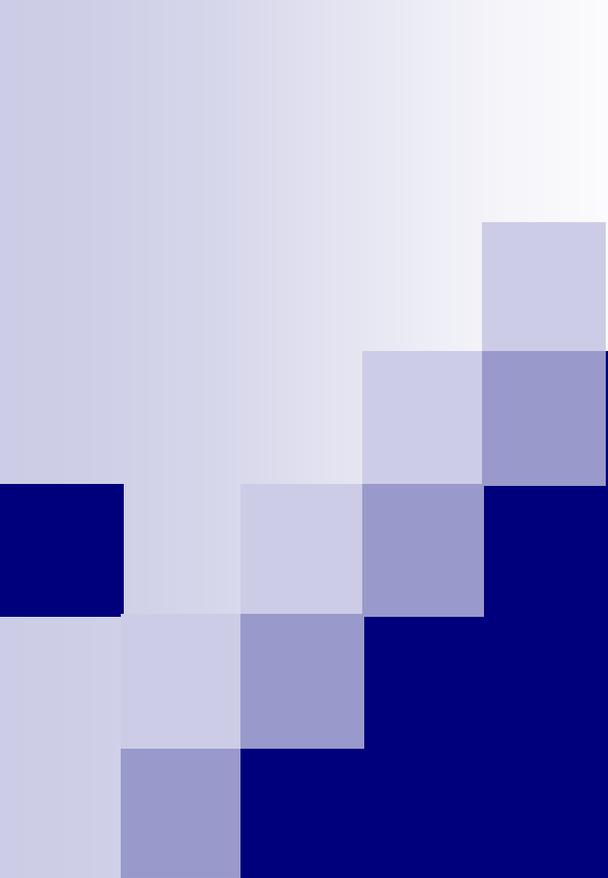
- TISWG was very instrumental in the noted recognition of the most improved in vaccination coverage levels during the 2006-2008 National Immunization Survey conducted by the CDC.
- TISWG helped promote lifelong registry
 - ImmTrac modification for adult vaccines
 - Effort to reach 370,000 17 y/o before 18th birthday
- Helped inform the ImmTrac replacement being implemented now- ImmTrac2

Expectations for Members

- Honest, open discussion
- Continued interest
- Promotion to others
- Input on best practices, promotion, and partnership
- Feedback
- Network!



WE WANT YOU!



**You are part of the Texas
Immunization System. We need
your expertise!**

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