

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, September 16, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Josh Jaeger, Betsy Wiest, George Fickenworth, Pat Stucke, Mary Viglione, Pat Tracy, Steve Walters, Colleen Hammon, Sherrai Holland, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Rita Scrimenti, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Dave Deter, Barb Lewis, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Phil Fromyer, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Jennie Hagerty, Alyssa Jaeger (CSS), Cris Taylor, Gaby Reyes, Zareen Khan, Niken Carpenter

The meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

**Betsy Wiest (SPH):** Betsy relayed that St. Patrick's Haven had a devastating fire this week and are closed for repair. They have extensive damages and are estimated to be closed for at least 5 months. Staff are being housed in a hotel paid for by SSJ. Red Cross offered help if persons could come to their office, which only 1 person did. Hotel was out of their footprint, so no one took that offer. ECM has opened another 6 beds for a total current capacity of 46 male beds. ONP is unable to help currently as all funds are designated for winter months. Blankets and sweatshirts were provided by EUMA to Emmaus last night for those unsheltered from St. Pat's. Would like a list of names. Others assisting: MHA – sleeping bags, Emmaus, Pat Tracy wants to track who gets blankets/etc. to reduce same distribution from Sunday Supper. People had trouble reaching CE for shelter beds. Josh offered ONP cots if a space could be found to help house some of the 21 persons who were displaced from St. Pat's.

**Health Provider Updates:**

**Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:** Has the new bivalent vaccine and it is available. May schedule on website or call Sherrai. Friday morning clinics are still running for patients and non-patients. They have the Moderna bivalent booster so only 18+ may receive this vaccine.

**Laura Luther, Health Dept:** Laura shared additional information:

Bivalent vaccine has not been received yet at ECDH.

There is a 90-day waiting period between COVID illness and receiving a vaccine. Getting it early won't hurt but is not necessary. Laura sent a resource to the committee that helps to identify when to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Anyone receiving J&J can get bivalent now because it has been 2 months since that vaccine was being used. Nonvaccinated persons must get the 2 shot series of either Pfizer or Moderna prior to receiving the bivalent booster. Then wait the 2 months. Anyone who has a vaccine series completed can get the bivalent after 2 months have passed. Pfizer shots are 21 days apart/Moderna is 28 days apart. You will only get 1 bivalent vaccine currently.

All tracked covid-19 metrics (cases, hospitalizations, ventilators, ICU, wastewater analysis) are decreasing in the community.

**Homeless Provider Updates:**

**Josh Jaeger (EUMA):** Liberty House Just finished overcoming a COVID outbreak. Invitation from Josh and Pat Tracy to all other housing providers to have a physical presence in ONP this season. Want to see more of these persons housed while we can find them.

**Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper):** First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant is willing to hold a clinic for the new vaccine during Sunday Supper when it is available. May need to have both CHN (Moderna) and ECDH (Moderna and Pfizer) there to accommodate more ages and desired vaccine manufacturer. Both agencies agreed to partner for this event. Pat will get dates for the group.

**Jenn Woodard (COC):** Implementing housing case management and integrating with all internal service offerings. Many clients complaining that they don't have to mask anywhere else. Discussion about masking at other congregate shelters. Darrell and Josh are not. All said it was too much of a fight. Josh says ONP will require masks.

**Mary Viglione (CCBH):** Community health workers and got covid after being at CSS. CSS currently has an outbreak and is closed. One of the downfalls of in-person part of their role. They mask but many of the facilities do not. CSS is going to be closed until the 21st.

**Barb Lewis** – wonderful to see all of this collaboration and working together to support the people we serve and each other.

**Colleen Hammon:** is working with Rita and others to help St Pat's displaced and sleeping outside.

**Pat Stucke (MHA):** MHA is offering to host a mini-St Pat's Haven with 12 beds. She will reach out and work with Betsy to determine the parameters for this. Much joy and appreciation expressed. Many offers to help if needed. She requested that Betsy provide her staff for this project.

**Darrell Smith – ECM** upped their bed capacity to 46 as of 9/15/22. Used the ECDH to do an environmental assessment. They have 2 dorms that make opening more very challenging. So, they have 6 more beds to help with adult men. Wants to congratulate CE for handling hotel referrals for Isolation. Not requiring masks.

**Dave Deter** – May possibly contact the HUD TA to help with providing space or resources to help with St Pat's closure with ESG money.

**Lisa Karle (Erie County):** Will keep everyone apprised of the St Pat's alternative.

**Jokes for the day:**

No time.

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 30, 2022, via Zoom. No meetings will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> or December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lisa will send cancellation notices.