

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 8, 2022

Present: George Fickenworth, Mary Viglione, Niken Carpenter, Josh Jaeger, Zreen Khan, Sherrai Holland, Gaby Reyes, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Colleen Hammon, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Lisa Karle, Gaby Reyes, Chelsea Bates, Steve Walters

Not Present: Betsy Wiest, Dave Deter, Rita Scrimenti, Pat Stucke, Lisa Boyd, Zareen Khan, Jennie Hagerty, Danielle Brooks, Barb Lewis, Mary Louis Imbrugio, Gary Horton, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Kathy Lamb, Cris Taylor, Liz Sackett

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

Booster Clinic Update: Lisa Karle

Health Provider Updates:

Laura Luther, Health Department –

- Vaccine available for children 6 months - 5.
- LECOM center for health & Aging on Shaper Ave. offer clinics for testing and Vaccine. Here is a link for ECHD [website](#) calendar which has dates/times. Click the entry and it will give you the breakdowns of 9 am – 1 pm for kids 6 mos - 5. Others 9 am – 5 pm. Clicking the entry will give you the correct times and ages.
- Testing is also available at Edinboro University Dearborn Hall for PCR and rapid. This is coordinated by PA Dept of Health. Edinboro University also began providing at-home tests. These dates and times are also on ECDH calendar.
- An FDA committee recently recommended that vaccine partners begin developing a new vaccine for the current variants.
- ECDH is still trying to increase our vaccine numbers in Erie County. Currently, 32% of total population are unvaccinated in Erie County. 16501 is now at 40%, while 16503 remains the lowest percentage of vaccinated persons.

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net:

- Booster Clinic at ECM 6/30/2022 provided 34 vaccinations. Breakdown: 9 first doses; 1 second dose; 19 1st boosters; 5 second boosters. Lisa - CHN team was phenomenal as usual. They were so patient and kind to every single person, regardless of the time needed to answer questions or look up vaccine information for lost cards.
- Vaccine Ambassadors: Lisa - Betsy, Colleen, Mary-Louise, and Rita were all exceptional. The interaction with guests was a beautiful thing to witness. From one interaction, a meeting was arranged with a permanent housing provider and subsequently an individual was accepted into that project.
- Gift Cards: MCW purchased 25 - \$10 cards from Subway and 25 - \$10 cards from Tim Horton. Darrell purchased 20 - \$10 Country Fair cards, which were the first to go. Others were accepted happily by most. Only 1 person tried to say he needed a gift card after he refused the shot

because it was Moderna. We reviewed his card and saw that it had been marked for the shots he had received. So that system of documenting cards with amount and date works well.

- Sherrai scheduled all persons for 2nd doses, which would be on July 28th. Discussion followed about having another clinic on July 29th, which is a Friday. Lisa will email committee to see if enough people are available that day. We aren't sure if people will keep appointments especially since CHN does not have gift cards. Lisa can give Sherrai gift cards for the 9 persons who received 1st doses.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Niken Carpenter - City of Erie) Nothing to report. Question for Pat Stucke: Nicken would like to know what to bring to the Blasco Library when she is working the MHA table?

Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus): Not available but emailed no updates.

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper)

- Numbers have increased 25% in last 2 weeks
- Anecdotes of increased numbers at other community meals over that time period as well
- Out of Country Fair cards, and agrees that they are the most popular
- She has been giving out Dollar General cards. Most people want the Country Fair for gas.
 - Should we ask for further investment into incentives?
 - ICM - Karen
 - Other churches
 - Other investors?
 - Hamot Health Foundation already a major supporter
 - AHN?
 - LECOM?
- Willing to offer another clinic at Sunday Supper if 2nd boosters become available for under 50

Dave Deter - City of Erie

- No updates

Josh Jaeger - EUMA

- No updates
- ONP planning beginning

Mary Viglione - CCBH

- Follow ups still happening relating to ER visits
- Any members needing detox, Gaudenzia not currently accepting detox patients due to staffing shortages
 - Millcreek or somewhere outside Erie Area

Leatrice Schoolcraft - DHS

- County Awarded \$120,000 from PHARE for ONP/Hotel Isolation. Also working on more hotel funds for isolation if current funds run out.

Betsy Wiest - SPH: Not available.

Darrell Smith - ECM

- no more bag lunches. Everyone is sitting down to eat.
- Few issues with Emergency Shelter.
- Good support from DHS and Salvation Army with anyone who tested positive at ECM recently. ECM tests all new participants.
- ECM has small amount of funds for their participants if funding runs out. This was not in their budget, so just a safety measure.

Steve Walters – ECDH

- Health Fair at Booker T. Washington Center, 7/8, Saturday 12pm-5pm
- Vaccination clinics at GECAC in last couple weeks
 - 53 seniors vaccinated

Jennifer Woodard - COC

- No updates

Pat Stucke - MHA

- No update.

Joke for the day:

Q: Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog?

A: Because all of his friends kept telling him to get a loooooong little doggie!

The date for the next meeting is Friday, July 22, 2022, via Zoom.