Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 1, 2022

Present: George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Jennie Hagerty, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Mary Sackett, Pat Tracy, Barb Lewis, Sherrai Holland, Dave Deter

Not Present: Danielle Brooks, Jenn Woodard, Pat Stucke, Niken Carpenter, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Laura Luther, Niken Carpenter, Colleen Hammon, Steve Walters, Cris Taylor, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Rita Scrimenti, Darrell Smith

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants.

**Health Provider Updates:**

**Health Department – Not** available for today’s meeting.

**Sherrai Holland, Community Health Ne**t: Demand for testing and vaccines has significantly decreased. Have not done outreaches recently. Still offering vaccines on Friday mornings (Moderna). Can be scheduled online. Modena is offering 2nd boosters for people aged 50 and over 4 months after the first booster. CHN has received N95 masks, and they are available for providers. COVID rapid tests are also available. Contact Sherrai for more information.

George asked about the efficacy of J&J – should those who received J&J receive doses from either Pfizer or Moderna? The article George heard this from is: <https://news.yahoo.com/got-j-j-vaccine-consider-175612131.html> Sherrai said she would look into this and get back to the group.

**Homeless Provider Updates:**

**Mary Sackett (MHA):** No new updates. Asked about mask mandates being lifted in Erie and the effect on homeless shelters. George indicated that the last few times we’ve met, we have discussed congregate living and as far as we know, nothing has changed by CDC for congregate living.

**Dave Deter (City of Erie):** No new updates. Working on plans for ESG but HUD has not provided allocations.

**Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP):** Sunday Supper is in transition and as of 4/10/22 they will be back to dine-in only without takeout meals. Pat asked if she could get some of the Country Fair gift cards from Jennie Hagerty. Pat will pick up all 80 $10 gift cards from MCW. Our Neighbor’s Place has not had a positive COVID case since January 2022. The last night for ONP 2022 will be Tuesday, 4/5/22.

**Mary Viglione** **(CCBH):** Have been operating under the 1135 Waiver to extend authorization times. The waiver has been extended again beyond 3/31/22.

**Barb Lewis:** Client Services had 1st meeting after a hiatus of about a year. Looking at action plans and goals. Their next meeting is in 3 weeks. Anything the Vaccine Committee wants them to know, let Barb Lewis or Kurt Crays know. With ONP ending, is there a new plan where folks will be isolated who may test positive? Lisa said there are two projects the County has been supporting: overflow and isolation. She did not know if there is funding left for overflow or isolation. Lisa will confirm with Peter when he returns to the office and update the group next week on new isolation procedures.

**Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County):** No new updates.

**Jennie Hagerty (MCW):** No new updates.

**Betsy Wiest (SPH):** No new updates.

**Additional Conversation Notes:**

* Lisa reported they had a special event to assess needs with ONP closing. They were able to assess 8 individuals. Conducted with the assistance of Sean O’Neill. Assessments took place last night at ONP to determine eligibility so referrals could be made.

**Joke for the day:**

Betsy: What group of people struggles the most with Corona Virus? The people who believe the Earth is flat because the social distancing is pushing them over the edge.

Lisa: Saw a sign on a landscaping store: Spring is here. I’m so excited I wet my plants!

Date for the next meeting: NOTE: Due to Good Friday occurring in two weeks, that meeting will be canceled and our next meeting will be Friday, April 29, 2022. Please use Lisa’s email group to ask any questions or report any new information to be shared.