Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 18, 2022

Present: George Fickenworth, Betsy Wiest, Lisa Karle, Barb Lewis, Colleen Hammon, Mary Viglione, Jennie Hagerty, Jenn Woodard, Sherrai Holland, Rita Scrimenti, Steve Walters,

Not Present: Pat Stucke, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Niken Carpenter, Cris Taylor, Gary Horton, Liz McCormick, Lisa Boyd, Missy Niedzielski, Chelsea Bates, Kathy Lamb, Laura Luther, Pat Tracy, Darrell Smith, Niken Carpenter, Dave Deter

The meeting started at 10:06 a.m.

George Fickenworth: Opened the meeting and greeted participants. This will be our last meeting until we start moving to an every-other-week schedule.

**Health Provider Updates:**

**Steve Walters - Health Department:**

* No official updates. All testing and vaccine dates are available on their website.
* Testing event numbers are lower but 20% of people showing up are testing positive. The Omicron Variant 2 is currently in 48 states. Severity is not known at this time.
* Keep wearing your masks and practicing mitigation efforts.

**Sherrai Holland, Community Health Ne**t:

* Vaccines and testing has increased over the last two weeks.
* Still operating as usual – vaccine clinic running on Friday mornings. Appointments can be made on the CHN website to schedule an appointment. New appointments open a week in advance.
* Testing is available Mon-Friday. Call CHN for more details.
* Don’t have KN95 masks for distribution at this time. Do have the rapid tests if needed. Contact Sherrai if you need the test kits.

**Homeless Provider Updates:**

**Darrell Smith (ECM):**

**Jenn Woodard (COC):** No new updates at this time. Jenn would like to volunteer for the PIT Count. George will contact Jenn with service opportunities after the meeting.

**Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper/ONP):**

**Mary Viglione**: Heard that St. Vincent Behavioral Health will be going to full capacity soon. This will provide more assistance for those in need. Trying to work with providers to assist people in finding the help they need.

**Jennie Hagerty (MCW):** Jennie looking forward to working the PIT Count. Currently have 80 Country Fair gift cards. Pat picked some up the other day. If you need cards, please contact Jennie. Thank you to Hamot for funding this round of gift cards.

Sherrai indicated there is not currently a future date scheduled for a vaccine clinic at the Erie City Mission.

**Barb Lewis:** Is currently doing more advocacy work. Said the Erie Trauma Informed Coalition event yesterday was amazing. Conversation was positive and the conference was powerful – focused on facial disparity. Recordings will be available on their website. Lisa will send the link when the recordings are available.

**Colleen Hammon:** Looking forward to working on the upcoming PIT Count. Wednesday (2/16/22) at ONP, Central Outreach (located on 34th and State Street) did a vaccination clinic and were able to offer vaccinations/boosters to six guests.

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

**Rita Scrimenti (Emmaus):** Looking to see if they can convert to indoor serving in the future. More details will be shared as they develop. They are hoping to do this by the end of March.

**Additional Conversation Notes:**

Colleen said she received a call from a Minority Medical Clinic and heard about our card incentive and wondered if we would provide cards for them. As a team, we determined last week that we would not be allocating to new providers but could reach out to UPMC. Our cards were gathered for use by congregate shelters in our area. Katie Bool is the contact at UPMC and organizations who reach out to us can be directed to Katie for gift cards.

For those who are working the PIT Count next week, George will send an email out on Monday to all those working the PIT Count so we all know who is working and where.

We are moving to an every other week with our next meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022. Lisa will send out a schedule for the next several weeks and will send the link as an invite.

Barb Lewis led a discussion on engaging persons with lived experience on organization boards and a Consumer Advocacy Board. The hope is to develop this type of board (CAB) in the City. A CAB would be beneficial for funding as well.

**Joke for the day:**

Betsy: What did the nearsighted optometrist say when he was sick? I can’t see myself coming in today.

Colleen: What did the traffic light say to the car? Look away, I’m changing!

Lisa: Why did the scarecrow get promoted? He was outstanding in his field.

Date for the next meeting: Friday, March 4, 2022