



**Northwood's Immunization Coalition**  
**Oneida, Forest, and Vilas Counties**

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**Northwoods Immunization Coalition Minutes**

January 9, 2013

1. **Present:** Jill Blake, Jane Dunbar and Laurel Dreger and (via phone) Jill Krueger, Karen Wiedeman, Annie Buchmann, Jamie LaBrasca and Kerri Schmidt.

2. **Evaluation of the September 2012 Immunization Conference:**

Jane discussed the participant evaluations from the September 2012 Immunization Conference. Overall it appears the conference was well received. We had approximately 72 people attending and of those 46 turned in evaluations. A summary of the evaluation forms is attached. Jane will finalize the budget from the conference and send that on to the Workshop Planning Group.

3. **Updates for the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program:**

New CDC Storage and Handling Guidance: Jane discussed the new CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit. She will provide the information for that attachment to the group. The CDC also has training modules and a September 29 archive presentation re storage and handling that are very helpful. In the future, state personnel may be asked to conduct "spot checks" at health departments and clinics re vaccine storage and handling. Vaccine Tool Kit

You Call the Shots Modules  
Interim Storage and Handling Guidelines  
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/default.htm>

Influenza vaccine/Influenza Disease: Participants discussed their current supply of influenza vaccine. Most facilities still have vaccine available. There is no apparent shortage at this time. Karen W discussed that they have been seeing increasing ER visits for influenza. Most of the tests reveal Influenza A. They are running low on testing kits so they are using their kits for children, pregnant women and high risk at this time. She believes the doctors are prescribing antivirals if the infections are recent. Oneida and Forest have utilized the Walgreens "Vouchers for Flu Shots" program for some of their uninsured clientele. Issues re school closings have already arisen. Closings are the decision of the school and should be based on their ability to function safely. Kerri S. reminded the committee that in 2009 all schools were required to write a Plan for School Closure. Tom Haupt would like to know about any school closures.

Pertussis or other VPD disease: Jane read excerpts from the summary report about Pertussis cases in Wisconsin Jan. 2012 to December 2012 that came in a letter from the State dated January 2, 2013. See attachment. Currently several surrounding counties are still seeing high numbers (Lincoln, Sawyer).

#### **4. WIR/RECIN**

Some agencies are still experiencing immunization record discrepancies with the WIR/RECIN interfaces. At times immunizations that are duplicates are showing or ones with obviously inaccurate dates. There may be some issues re interface with Cattails that prevents providers on those systems from viewing the complete WIR record.

#### **5. Review/Update Contact List**

As a group, we reviewed the current email list serve and made some additions and deletions based on the group's knowledge of who should be added and deleted.

**We are asking all persons who receive these minutes to let Laurel at [ladreg@co.vilas.wi.us](mailto:ladreg@co.vilas.wi.us) know if anyone wants to be removed from this list or if they know of anyone who may be interested in being added to this list. Please provide Laurel with email addresses of anyone she needs to add to the list serve.**

#### **6. Other**

Group discussed frequency of meetings. Decision was made to meet quarterly. Meetings for 2013 will be April 10, 2013, July 10, 2013 and October 9, 2013 at 12:00noon at Oneida County Health Department

#### **7. Next Meeting April 10, 2013 at Oneida County Health Department. AT&T call in number will be provided on upcoming agenda.**

Submitted by Laurel Dreger