

**Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group (TISWG)
Meeting Minutes - February 16, 2006**

Texas Department State Health Services Room M-652
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participants

Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Dr. Jason V. Terk, Texas Pediatric Society; Kim Roberson, Texas Pharmacy Association; Dr. Neil S. Levy, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association; Shelley Bjorkman, Health and Human Services Commission; Clifford S. Pumphrey, Wyeth Vaccines; Marissa Rathbone, Texas Education Agency; Chuck Girard, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologist; Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Frankie Milley, Meningitis Angels; Judy Clements, Humana Health Care; Stephanie Tabone, Texas Nurses Association; Dr. Barry Lachman, Texas Association of Health Plans; Mary Weiss, Humana Health Care; Linda Martinez, Humana Health Care; Holly Jacques, Merck Vaccines; Nancy Royal, Humana Health Care; Kay Patel, Humana Health Care; Marcy Eckelberg, Texas Pharmacy Association; Kurt Stembridge, GlaxoSmithKline; Lois Reiszner, Meningitis Angels; Oscar Valles, GlaxoSmithKline; Karen Gross, Humana Health Care; Carol Zamora, Humana Health Care; Christine Paz, Humana Health Care; Norma Quiroz, Humana Health Care; Jonathan Kwan (intern), University of Texas; Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Dan Walters, Dan Walters Associates; facilitator.

DSHS Staff

Julie Stagg, Title V Program; Dr. Susan Penfield, Infectious Disease Control; Jack Sims, David Scott, Vivian Harris, Claude Longoria, Adriana Rhames, Lupe M. Garcia, Anita Freeman, Tim Hawkins, Victoria Brice, Christine Contreras and Mark Ritter, Disease Prevention and Intervention Section.

New Member orientation was held from 8:30 am through 9:00 am in room M-653 with nine new participants in attendance. General session was called to order at 9:00 am.

Welcome and Introduction: Mr. David Scott welcomed TISWG members, meeting participants, and introduced facilitator, Dan Walters.

Introduction of All Participants: TISWG members and meeting participants introduced themselves and the organizations they represent.

Review of Minutes and Agenda: Mr. Dan Walters reviewed the agenda. Mr. David Scott asked for any feedback/comments regarding last meeting minutes. Having no comments, the minutes were approved and are now final. The minutes may be viewed at the following web address:<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg.shtm>.

Immunization Branch Update: Mr. Jack Sims provided an update concerning the following Immunization Branch issues. Two handouts were distributed; *Hurricane Evacuee's Immunization Records* and *Immunization Branch Updates*.

- Evacuee's Immunizations
 - DSHS opened a call center to recreate immunization histories from Louisiana.
 - Verified over one million dollars of vaccine was given. (See handout *Evacuee's Immunization Records*.)

- The benefits of the registry were truly realized.
- A briefing on the following issues addressed these topics: VFC Funding, President's Budget, ImmTrac, Public Information, Education, and Training, Vaccine Services, Other Branch Update and Interim Legislative Study. (See handout *Immunization Branch Updates*.)
 - Is the latest version of CASA HL7 compliant?

Immunization Branch Strategic Planning: Mr. Jack Sims provided a handout that we may title as *Draft – Immunization Branch Strategic Goals*.

- The first meeting held was a brainstorming session with the Health Service Regions.
- Various documents were pulled and strategies were considered including the recommendations of TISWG. The strategies resulted in five major goals for the Immunization Branch. (See handout *Immunization Branch Updates*.)
 - Expand statewide Immunization Services and Resources
 - Reduce Indigenous Cases of VPDs
 - Increase Adult Vaccine Coverage Levels
 - Increase Adolescent Vaccine Coverage Levels
 - Increase Vaccine Coverage Levels for Children and Infants
- Branch Strategic Planning Next Steps
 - Draft over arching document
 - Strategic Plan these goals
 - Action Plans and Work Plans for each group within Branch as well as each Health Service Region
 - Share plan across the state

2006 Goals Clarify and Prioritize: Eight goals were identified at a previous TISWG meeting. The Discussion Handout: *Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group TISWG Meeting Planning for February 16th, 2006 Definitions and Description of Overall Goals* was provided in the information packet. The Handout listed each goal with a brief description and clarification of intent. Mr. Dan Walters walked through the worksheet process using the handout *Worksheet – TISWG 2006 Goals*, which was also provided in the information packet. Desired results were listed per goal and each member was then given the chance to vote for their top three priority goals.

- Top Priority was Goal 1. Promote Adolescent Vaccination
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Decrease Disease Burden
 - Decrease Percentage of Disease Burden in Younger Age Groups
 - 85% of Adolescents will have completed all their immunization
 - Create Measuring System
 - Health Vision 2010 will have to be checked
 - Parent Awareness for this age group
 - **Actions:**
 - Educate children in schools
 - Create “Rewards” for Children

- Intensive Education: Public, MD's, Med Assoc., MD staff
 - Address cost reimbursements
 - Align Vaccination with other routine visits
 - Engage kids in educating other kids
 - Schools send home information at the end of school year, April/May instead of the beginning of the school year
 - Communicate provider best practice
 - Mode of communication to adolescents
 - Address in Health Curriculum
 - Utilize School Health Advisory Councils
 - Incorporate in Sports Physical Form
 - **Team Members:** Dr. Jason V. Terk, Texas Pediatric Society; Frankie Milley, Meningitis Angels; Susan Griffin, Texas Medical Association; Shelley Bjorkman, Health and Human Services Commission; Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Dr. R. Moss Hampton, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologist
- Second Priority - Goal 2. Increase 4th DTAP Coverage
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Target: 90% Coverage as measured by NIS
 - Decrease incidents of vaccine preventable diseases
 - Greater public acceptance of vaccine; addressing concerns
 - Primary series early/Accelerating the schedule
 - Compliance monitoring in child care facilities
 - Awareness: Available at 12 months of age
 - **Actions**
 - Taking advantage of missed opportunities
 - Intensive Educations: Public Service Announcements, MD's, MD staff, Med Associations.
 - Child Care Provider – Create and Distribute Information
 - Outreach and Recall Systems; Practice Management
 - Improve Access to Immunization
 - Bring Vaccines to Children; Where Needed “ Going Where Kids Are”
 - Non-Traditional Hours
 - Public-Private Health Partnerships
 - **Team Members:** Lupe M. Garcia, Texas Department of State Health Services; Dr. Neil S. Levy, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association; Carrie Kroll, Texas Pediatric Society; Stephanie Tabone, Texas Nurses Association; Oscar Valles, GlaxoSmithKline
- Third Priority - Goal 6. Promote Education and Marketing of ImmTrac
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Higher Provider Utilization of ImmTrac
 - Higher Population of ImmTrac. Reporting within ImmTrac
 - Parental Awareness and Utilization of ImmTrac

- **Actions**
 - Increase MD Enrollment. Partner with Pharmacies
 - Provide Parental Access to ImmTrac
 - Easier Importing Block Data
 - Implement Recommendations of ImmTrac Provider Work Group (IPWG)
 - Explore Data Entry Through “Clearing House”
 - Partnerships within TISWG
 - Educate Providers and Change Behavior – “Ownership” and “Involvement”
 - Enlist MD Champions to promote to Peers
- **Team Members:** Barry Lachman, Texas for Health Plans; Clifford S. Pumphrey, Wyeth Vaccines; Claude Longoria, Texas Department of State Health Services

2006 Goals (Continued) Next Steps: Actions were listed and sub-groups were formed to think through goals and actions, consider measures, identify SME’s and identify what are the barriers for Goals 1, 2 and 6. Goal 3 and 4 are no longer classified as goals. No votes were given to Goal 5. **Next Steps:** Identify actions and sub-groups for Goals 7 & 8.

- **Goal 3. Complete Original Category List:** Reviewed *TISWG Accomplishment 2004-2005* handout provided in information packet (Issue Topic #6 Data Outcomes Category F, listed on page 8 of handout).
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Address Data Outcomes Topic
 - Measure Outcomes (evaluation) Across all Goals
 - Suggested adding column to worksheet titled “Goal Data Outcome” and making this an overarching goal.
 - **Next Steps**
 - Identifying Measures
 - Identify Why Populations do not immunize
 - Identify the Barriers
- **Goal 4. Evaluate Progress of Categories**
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Provide Progress to Legislature (every 2 years) and TISWG (every 6 months)
 - In Progress - On going
- **Goal 5. Resources – Membership-Involve TAFP for Adolescent Issues**
 - **Desired Results:**
 - MD Rep from Texas Association Family Practice physicians, (TAFP) to attend TISWG
 - Improve Execution of Goal #1
 - Texas Hospital Association Attendee

- Engage Relevant/Significance Stakeholders
 - **Actions** – Carrie Kroll could contact her counter partners

- Goal 7. Collaborate with Obstetricians and Gynecologists (OB/GYN) To Enhance Maternal Flu Vaccination Coverage
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Enhance Protection of vaccinating ineligible infants and mothers
 - Achieve 90% Compliance OB/GYN to Vaccinate Pregnant Women by October/November
 - OB/GYN Awareness of How to Acquire Vaccine
 - Enhance Maternal Flu Vaccination
 - Expand Education on Disease, Immunization and use of Registry with OB/GYN
 - **Actions**
 - Create handout for OB/GYN Offices
 - OB/GYN: Newsletters – Websites
 - Conference Participation ~ Immunization Branch will be in attendance March 31- Apr 1.
 - Arrange for Speakers at meetings
 - Resolution Between Texas Pediatric Society & the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to encourage flu vaccines

- Goal 8. Provider Education
 - **Desired Results:**
 - Improve Provider Participation in Texas VFC
 - Providers able to educate public regarding approved vaccine information
 - Enable Providers Ability to address parent's vaccines concerns

OB/GYN: Maternity and Vaccinations: Dr. R. Moss Hampton, with Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists was present to address concerns and answer questions regarding the promotion of the flu vaccine at the local OB/GYN offices.

- Some ways TISWG can help with education:
 - Increase education effort, push harder at state level
 - Make it easier to obtain vaccines rather than all hoops you have to go through in order to get vaccines - Make it easier to document
 - Financial incentives to cover the cost
 - Possibly create an informational pamphlet that can be distributed with other pamphlets to mothers
 - **Action:** Dr. Hampton can help plant the seed at the next OB/GYN conference and raise to the national association.
- Next Steps
 - Work on pamphlet for OB/GYN's to hand out to their patients

- Post information in newsletter/website

Combined Purchase/Universal Vaccine: Dr. Levy provided a presentation on Universal Vaccines that TISWG could share with their individual stakeholders. He is willing to share his presentation with other interested parties.

Next Steps for Next Meeting:

- David announced next meeting date, tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2006.
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting:
 - Look at the 2006 Goals
 - Hear back from the sub-groups formed for:
 - Goal 1 – Promote Adolescent Vaccination,
 - Goal 2 – Increase 4th DTAP Coverage, and
 - Goal 6 – Promote Education and Marketing of ImmTrac
 - Work through Goals 7 – Collaborate with OB/GYN to Enhance Maternal Flu Vaccination Coverage and Goal 8 – Provider Education
 - Address Goal 5 – Resources – Membership-Involve TAFP for Adolescent Issues

Meeting Evaluation/Closing Remarks:

- Negatives
 - Ventilation Too Loud
 - More Room – Too Crowded
 - No one from TAFP
- Positives
 - Organization Good
 - Lunch on Site
 - Good Networking
 - Dialogue with OB/GYN positive
 - Great Attendance
 - We Were Close Together
 - Facilitator – Mr. Dan Walters
- Suggestion
 - Send contact information for those listed in each sub-group when sending out the minutes.

Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Handouts:

- Immunization Branch Updates
- TISWG Planning Definitions and Descriptions
- TISWG Achievements 2004-2005
- Worksheet TISWG 2006 Goals