



Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group (TISWG) Participant Feedback and Suggestions – June 2012

Summary of the TISWG CHARGE

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/partners/tiswg_charge.pdf

The Purpose

The purpose of TISWG is to raise vaccine coverage levels in Texas.

The Method and Objectives

TISWG provides a forum for diverse partners in the state immunization system to share ideas, perspectives, best practices, and resources. The objectives are to:

- 1) Provide support for activities to raise vaccine coverage levels and help increase awareness of the importance of early childhood and adolescent vaccinations.
- 2) Work with DSHS to identify and implement improvements to the state immunization system.

What has changed and is changing?

- 1) The immunization target population has been shifting from childhood immunizations to include not only children but also adolescents, adults, and seniors.
- 2) The number and makeup of TISWG participants has changed from 20-30 routine attendees heavily influenced by providers to 70-80 participants per meeting, often first time attendees, with fewer traditional providers and more community stakeholders.
- 3) During the H1N1 outbreak TISWG shifted to a problem solving mode and has retained that approach to a large degree.
- 4) Vaccine availability is changing
- 5) Healthcare reform is changing the nature of immunization policy and delivery.
- 6) Initially TISWG meetings were held quarterly. Now there are three meetings a year in the first, second, and fourth quarters.



THE TYPICAL TISWG AGENDA IS CHOSEN FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Introductions and Welcome

Updates such as:

Branch

Legislative

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Surveillance

Program Issues such as:

Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC)

Immunizations for Adults and Adolescents

Immunization Registry (ImmTrac)

Education and Public Awareness

Assessment, Coordination, & Evaluation

Public Education, Information & Training

Specific Immunization Issues such as:

Influenza

Pertussis

Meningococcal

Follow-up items from last meeting

Stakeholder activities

Special Speakers

Hot Topics



TISWG FEEDBACK

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

1. Agenda Topics & Timing

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

2. Presentation Content

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

3. Meeting Process and Discussion Format

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

4. Committees and workgroups

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

5. Communications to Stakeholders by DSHS

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

6. Communications from stakeholders to DSHS

Problems:

Potential Improvements:

7. Communications between stakeholders

Problems:

Potential Improvements: