

# Immunize Kansas Coalition Meeting Minutes



November 6, 2020

Online Only - Zoom

Agenda Item	Summary or Approved Items
<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Leong welcomed those attending and introduced new faces</li> <li>• Forty-one known members, staff, and guests were in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Dan Leong (Chair), Lacy Alderson, Allison Alejos, Amanda Applegate, Emily Bailey, Karen Braman, Tiffany Dickey, Aaron Dunkel, Rana El Feghaly, John Eplee, Gretchen Homan, Carlie Houchen, Mel Hudelson, Charles Hunt, Sarah Irsik-Good, Heather Keitges, Peggy Kelly, Denise Lantz, Trish Long, Zach Lynkiewicz, Andrea May, Michelle Moylan-Elder, Elisa Nehrbass, Diane Nielson, Secretary Lee Norman, Adrienne Olejnk, Cindy Olson-Burgess, Shelby Ostrom, Shanna Peters, Tarah Remington Brown, Maria Salas, Connie Satzler, Lynn Schmidt, Jill Spader, Robyn Teply, John Valenti, Tina Valentino, Mary Beth Warren, Alice Weingartner, Susan Wood, Erle Wynn, Susan Zalenski</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Strategic Team Meetings</b></p>	<p>IKC Strategic Teams met from 10:05 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Awareness Team</li> <li>• Improved Systems Performance Team</li> <li>• Policy Team</li> <li>• <del>Grants and Funding Team</del> (<i>Did not meet</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Coalition Updates and Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements available on the <a href="#">announcements handout</a></li> <li>• The Board approved Sheri Burton with Olathe Health as an official new individual member</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. KDHE Update</b></p>	<p>Secretary Lee Norman, MD spoke about the need to promote vaccinations, especially childhood and flu immunization. He discussed the COVID-19 vaccine and the preparations Kansas is making for distribution of the vaccine and shared COVID-19 case numbers and virus data for Kansas. Immunizations are of utmost importance and IKC should do everything in their power to work on immunizations.</p>
<p><b>5. Kansas Immunization Program Report</b></p>	<p>Allison Alejos shared about state employee flu clinics, <a href="#">#ShredTheSpread</a> flu vaccine campaign, and the COVID-19 vaccination plan for Kansas. They are getting providers enrolled to be COVID-19 vaccine providers and have identified locations for initial vaccine allocations. The Vaccine Advisory Committee is working on difficult decisions for distribution and allocation, looking at the state from an equity standpoint.</p>
<p><b>6. Immunization Data Highlights: NIS-Flu Data for 2019-20 Influenza Season</b></p>	<p>Emily Bailey presented data for Kansas from the <a href="#">NIS-Flu 2019-2020</a> influenza season data, which was released at the beginning of October 2020. Kansas had an overall flu vaccination rate of 54.5% for persons age 6 months and older for the 2019-2020 influenza season.</p>
<p><b>7. Kansas Legislature Perspective</b></p>	<p>Representative John Eplee, MD encouraged the coalition to organize a legislative event of some kind, even though it is challenging in this environment. Legislators receive emails with vaccine concerns every week. We need to have an organized, current response to this content.</p>
<p><b>8. Member Perspectives</b></p>	<p>Karen Braman from KHA reported that they are working very hard on flu vaccination in hospitals. Many hospitals are at capacity right now due to COVID-19. Tarah Remington-Brown from KAFP shared about providers pivoting their business model to create alternative places and spaces for immunizations to reduce barriers. Heather Keitges reported that they are seeing national flu vaccination increases and also shared data comparing 2019 and 2020 for other vaccinations.</p>

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	<p>Aaron Dunkel from KPhA reported that they have seen an incredible spike in flu vaccines. There is still good access to vaccines. They are working with KIP for COVID-19 vaccine enrollment and there is a lot of interest in being part of that solution.</p> <p>Dr. Homan shared about changes at her clinic restricting well-child visits and flu vaccine administration, due to COVID-19.</p>
<p><b>9. Policy Team Highlights</b></p>	<p>Charlie Hunt reported that the Policy team discussed the need to address messaging about vaccine concerns; pharmacists role in COVID-19; and Carlie’s work interviewing other state coalitions about parent groups.</p>
<p><b>10. Improved Systems Performance Team Highlights</b></p>	<p>Sarah Good reported that the ISP team decided to continue with the flu goals set last year: 60% for adults and 70% for children. The team also decided to keep the MenACWY goal at 80% through 2021 and revisit next fall.</p>
<p><b>11. Education and Awareness Team Highlights</b></p>	<p>Susan Wood reported that the E&amp;A team decided on a three-prong approach for messaging: 1) Schedule legislative event to pair up with others doing advocacy; 2) In-person visits to legislators from members of IKC; 3) Development of community champions with working groups.</p>
<p><b>12. Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>Chair Dan Leong adjourned the meeting.</p>

*Special Presentation “Update on COVID-19 Vaccines Development” with Tiffany Dickey, PharmD, BCIDP immediately followed the regular business meeting. If you’d like a link to the recording of this presentation email [immkscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:immkscoalition@gmail.com). Additional guests not listed above joined for the special presentation.*