



InJAC Quarterly Meeting Minutes December 17, 2009

In Attendance:

Children & Youth - Julie Slavens, Phyllis Lewis, Jessica Kelly, Nancy Lloyd

Data & Surveillance- Marc Rosenman, Hesam Lahsae, Linda Stemnock; Ian Pyle

Environmental Quality- Karen Teliha, Emily Show, Lori Sloderbeck, Kim Irwin

Health Care Providers Committee- Dan Stephens, Fred Leickly, Chris Vican, Scott Wagner, Kristie Fernamberg, Nadia Krupp, Meena Garg, Marti Michel

Public Education- Kathryn Nicely, Jan Moore, Rosanna De Jesus

Other Attendees- Melissa Swan (ITPC), Kathy Such

Welcome- Marti Michel

- Introduction of attendees
- Approval of meeting minutes from 9-16-2009
- InJAC 2010 Officer Elections
President- Marti Michel
Vice President- Dan Stephens
Treasurer- Julie Slavens
Secretary- Kathy Such

ISDH Update – Dr. Judith Ganser, ISDH Asthma Program. jganser@isdh.in.gov

- Trisha Dane recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy! She has decided to stay home and enjoy the baby, so ISDH is on the search for a new Asthma Program Manager.
- ISDH & ALA are still interviewing for 2 positions associated with new asthma grants – an Environmental Health Specialist and Program Evaluator. These will be contracted positions through the American Lung Association. Interested applicants should view the job descriptions on www.lungin.org and click on Career Opportunities.
- Dr. Meenah Garg is the new Medical Director for the Chronic Division which includes the Asthma program. She will be working closely with the asthma team and will replace Dr. Ganser as she takes on other responsibilities.
- Kathryn Nicely, ISDH Asthma Health Educator, has been named Interim Asthma Program Manager.
- We recently submitted report of last 5 years to CDC. This report will be posted on the InJAC website.
- Reminded everyone that Breatheasyville is still available on the InJAC website www.injac.org. Great resource.
- Working on EPA grant with Delaware county Healthy Homes program.
- Asthma Fact Sheet is now available on the InJAC and ISDH websites. www.injac.org;
<http://www.in.gov/isdh/17269.htm>

Update on Smoking Advocacy- Jessica Kelly, American Lung Association jessica.kelly@lungin.org

Proposal 371, the ordinance being introduced in Indianapolis to provide smoke – free air laws for all employees, is still alive in the Marion County City Council. After being discussed at length in the full council, it has been moved back to the Community Affairs Committee where it can be debated in a smaller setting, and allow for councilors to have their questions answered. We are encouraging all supporters to continue contacting their councilors and Mayor Ballard and asking them to support Proposal 371 to protect all Indianapolis workers. At the state level, several bills are being introduced in the House and Senate to provide a smoke free air law for all of Indiana. Please contact your State Legislators to support the efforts for smoke free air for everyone in the state.

Chicago Asthma Mobile Van- Karen Malamut, Merck Regional Medical Director karen_malamut@merck.com
Karen explained her work with the Asthma mobile van in Chicago, which was very inspiring and informative. She has a true passion for working with the asthma programs in her region. Please feel free to contact her at the email listed above or by phone at 267-305-5934.

Workgroup Breakout Sessions- Each workgroup met separately to discuss successes for 2009 as well as goals and what is on the agenda for 2010. Results are listed below under workgroup updates.

Workgroup Updates

Data & Surveillance- Update given by Linda Stenmoe. Successes included the Asthma Fact Sheet. Continue to work on Medicaid data and Call Back Survey should be released in the spring. Barriers included fixing problems with the new call back survey since it is such a new program, and recalculations due to the asthma guideline changes. Goals are to review the Data & Surveillance objectives, combining the 2006-2008 Call-back databases and releasing the Call Back Survey report. Next Data & Surveillance Meeting date to be determined- but will be done before next InJAC meeting.

Public Education- Report given by Katey Nicely- Successes included disseminating print materials and resource guide information. Barrier was that the Peer Education Program was not completed due to time and budget constraints, and lack of workgroup member participation. Goals are to re-evaluate the Peer Education Program. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 11th at 9:00 am at ISDH.

Children & Youth – Report given by Julie Slavens- Successes included the child care provider training. Barriers were time, money and resources. Goals include working on an asthma program for teachers, working on asthma absenteeism data and increasing tobacco free school campuses. Next meeting scheduled for Feb 8th.

Environmental Quality- Report given by Kim Irwin. Successes included updating Breatheasyville, professional education was provided to builders association for an environmental program, integrated pest management programs, worked with schools and child care setting regarding school bus idling, tools for schools and healthy homes. Adopted 3 resolutions: Smoke free work environment, Open Burning and Vehicle Idling. Barriers include lack of direction for the EQ workgroup since there has not been a chair or co-chair for quite some time. Goals are to find a chair/co-chair, review objectives and to pull together evidence based best practices. Next meeting date will be early February.

Health Care Providers- Report given by Dr. Fred Leickly- The biggest success was the CME project which is now available on the InJAC website www.injac.org. Goals include finding ways to get more physician involvement in the HCP workgroup and updating some of the CME modules. Next meeting date scheduled for Jan 28, 2010 at the American Lung Association office at 9:00 am.

Workgroup meeting schedule

- **Data & Surveillance-** Jan 15th, 12 noon, ISDH Ryan White Conf Room 6th Fl. mrosenma@iupui.edu
- **Public Education-** Feb 11, 9:00 am at ISDH. Contact Kathryn Nicely at knicely@isdh.in.gov
- **Children & Youth-** Week of Feb 8th - date to be determined. jslavens@isba-ind.org
- **Environmental Quality-** Jan 22nd, 1:00 pm at ISDH. Contact Karen Teliha at kteliha@idem.in.gov
- **Health Care Providers** – January 28, 9:00 am at the American Lung Assoc. Contact fleickly@iupui.edu

Notes from evaluation forms:

Most members who filled out the evaluation forms indicated that it was very helpful for the workgroups to meet during the InJAC quarterly meeting. They also indicated it gave them the ability to get a starting point for working on their workgroup plans and want to do this again during future InJAC quarterly meetings.

Suggestions for future presentations- On an evaluation form, someone suggested we have a speaker about asthma topics related to minority populations. If you or someone you know would be willing to do a presentation on this topic, please email ksuch@lungin.org.



Tentative Schedule for 2010 InJAC Quarterly Meetings-

(Please note these dates may change)

Monday, March 15th 1:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, June 17th 9:00 am-11:30 am

Tuesday, September 14th 1:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, December 16th, 1:30-4:00 pm

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