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Announcing the NMDOH Immunization News Brief

The Immunization Program is excited to present this kick-off issue of the DOH Immunization Newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a vehicle to get information to our immunization partners around the state. Please contact Erica Martinez if you have immunization news that would benefit your colleagues or a newsworthy item you would like to have included in a future issue.

We are utilizing this Newsletter Kick-off as an opportunity to provide you an introduction to the new program staff; see page two for introductions to our new colleagues. We have awesome new staff members on board—and we are proud to announce that the Immunization Program is now fully staffed.



Launch of the new Immunization Program News Brief

The Vaccine Handbook Free App

A comprehensive update of The Vaccine Handbook App is now available from the Immunization Action Coalition.

This free app, which is available for iPhones and iPads only, contains the new 2017 6th edition of The Vaccine Handbook “The Purple Book”, by Dr. Gary Marshall, professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville.

The App is fully searchable, with functionality that includes bookmarking, highlighting, user annotation and links to vaccination resources. The Purple Book is a comprehensive source of vaccine information, drawing together vaccine science, guidance, and practice into a user-friendly resource.

The first section provides background on immunology, vaccine development, infrastructure, policy, standards, implementation, special circumstances, and—perhaps most important—addressing concerns about vaccines.

The second section has details about every vaccine licensed in

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New staff announcements

Max Cordova

Max is new to the Department of Health, serving as the NMSIIS Manager. He graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies and has extensive knowledge in strategic planning and statistical analysis with an emphasis on working with electronic data sets.



While serving as a project manager in the Information and Governance Data unit for CYFD, Max planned and defined system requirements for new projects as well as reassessed the needs for ongoing projects centered around early child development and safety. Utilizing trainings in Lean Process Improvement, he has led many initiatives focused around quality improvement and data integrity, including creating and updating workflows, trainings and procedure manuals.

Max is excited to be a part of the immunization team and looks forward to growing the registry.

Margaret Cunningham

Margaret is originally from Chicago, and she feels lucky to call New Mexico home for over a year. Her background is in infectious disease epidemiology and nursing. Before moving to New Mexico, Margaret spent five years with the Oregon Public Health Division working on chronic hepatitis and healthcare-associated infections surveillance, and one year with a federally qualified health clinic in the Portland suburbs as a family practice nurse.



Prior to joining the Immunization team as Perinatal Hep B Coordinator in 2017, Margaret was an HIV/Hepatitis C nurse and care coordinator at Southwest CARE Center, where she still occasionally takes part in outreach and special events. When she's not working, Margaret enjoys reading, crafting, fixing bicycles, and being outdoors. She lives in Santa Fe with her partner and two cats.

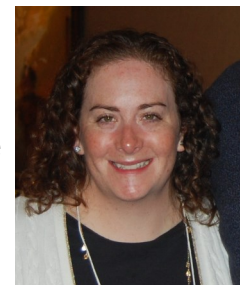
Kate Dauber

After many years in private medical practice management, Kate made the move to state government 12 years ago when she began working at the Aging and Long-Term Services Department. It was her great good fortune, in her years at Aging, to be given a wide range of tasks and opportunities, and a richness of experiences.

One of Kate's career goals has been to work at the Department of Health, and she is thrilled to be part of the Immunization Program and feels fortunate to work with such an amazing group of people.

Rebecca Gehring

Rebecca Gehring, MPH, is the Vaccine and Outreach Manager. Before moving to New Mexico, Rebecca worked for the American College of Physicians, where she was the program manager for the adult immunization projects. Ms. Gehring served local health departments as an Immunization Program Analyst, at the National Association for County and City Health Officials



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the U.S., including the burden and epidemiology of the respective disease, history of the immunization program, vaccine efficacy, safety, and recommendations.

To get the free app, search the iTunes app store

for "The Vaccine Handbook App" or click on the following link: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-vaccine-handbook-app/id1043246009?ls=1&mt=8>

Print copies of the book (\$34.95 each) can be ordered at <http://www.immunize.org/vaccine-handbook>

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where she created the Billing for Clinical Services Toolkit, provided guidance, and analyzed immunization policy. She worked as an Emergency Planner and Epidemiologist at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department in Ohio and served as an US Peace Corps Environmental and Health volunteer in Morocco.

Ms. Gehring is a member of immunization initiatives including the National Adult Vaccination Program and the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS). She served as co-chair of the NAIIS Policy and Decision Makers Workgroup and was part of the planning committee for 2014 National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions. Rebecca received an MPH in Public Health Administration from the Northwest Ohio Consortium of Public Health, her BA from Marietta College, and a certificate in Leadership.

Grace Gonzales

Grace joins the Immunization Program as our new Immunization Clerk. She grew up in Southern New Mexico where she was raised in a farm setting with her family. Her many years of dental surgical assisting and medical administrative experience have led her to the NM Department of Health.

Living in this Land of Enchantment for over three decades has made Grace appreciate our capital city more than ever. Grace's children have come to recognize how much beauty, culture and opportunity await them in Santa Fe.

Samantha Griego

Samantha Griego is a VFC (Vaccine for Children) Clerk with the Immunization Program at the Department of Health in Santa Fe. She is responsible for ordering vaccines and helping problem solve any issues pertaining to the VFC Program and other aspects involving the VFC Program.

Samantha has worked in the medical field for about 10 years, and cherishes every minute of it. She grew up in Tesuque, a small town 10 minutes north of Santa Fe. She loves spending time outdoors and enjoys camping in the summer.

Lisa Jacques-Carroll

Lisa serves as our Program's CDC Public Health Advisor. She is a tremendous asset to our Program. Lisa completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State University and then worked for the State of



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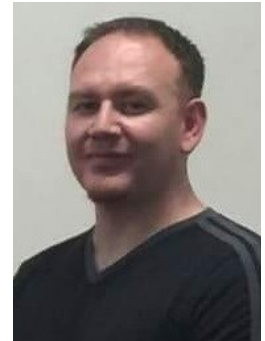
Michigan Immunization Division as their Vaccines for Children Program Coordinator for three years. She spent six years in CDC's Immunization Services Division as coordinator for the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program. Then she and her family lived in Almaty, Kazakhstan while her husband was on a CDC assignment. While there she served as a consultant for the World Bank and WHO in Europe and Asia and served as the HIV Prevention Advisor for the USAID Central Asia program. Returning to the US, Lisa worked in CDC's Global Immunization Division as the CDC liaison to the Gavi Alliance coordinating international immunization projects. She began her position as the Public Health Advisor assigned

to the New Mexico Immunization Program last August. She has two sons who are 7 and 9.

Elvin Martinez

Elvin is the Management Analyst for the Immunization Program. His responsibilities include Certificate of Exemption processing and Data Quality for NMSIIS.

Elvin was employed as a Security Professional in the private sector for 13 years,



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Immunization Champions

Each year, the NMDOH and the NMIC bestow awards in various categories of excellence in vaccines. 74 providers were honored this year for their high immunization rates. Additionally, we are proud to recognize the following three Immunization Champions for their outstanding contributions in vaccinating New Mexicans.

Thomas Butler

As the Community Outreach Specialist for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van, Thomas supports health events statewide. He has a strong motivation to get New Mexicans immunized, driving hours to ensure an area is offered immunizations. Thomas does hundreds of immunization clinics each year.

Beatriz Vela, RN, BSN

Beatriz has been a nurse with the NMDOH SW Region for nine years. She works diligently to

improve immunization rates via community outreach activities. She developed the Southwest Region Immunization Task Force Team to improve coordination and staffing at outreach events. Beatriz is a caring, dedicated, and compassionate nurse who focuses on promoting health and preventing disease.

Carrie Tingley Hospital Pediatrics

Carrie Tingley Hospital, Pediatric Clinic (CTH) is a well-child clinic with a phenomenal nursing staff. CTH nurses provide diligent follow-up to keep a child's immunizations up to date. CTH's Patient-Centered -Medical Home model has great collaboration between physicians, staff, and families.

Amy Bachyrycz
and
Thomas Butler



Beatriz Vela
with
Beatrice Davis



Staff nurses at Carrie
Tingley Hospital Pediatric
Clinic

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later transitioning into a Human Resources Specialist for two years. As a career goal, Elvin set his sights on becoming a State employee, first becoming a contract employee working for the Tax and Revenue Department, Partner Management Unit, and then later at Department of Health, with the Vaccine Purchase Act.

He was born and raised in Chimayo, New Mexico where he and his wife are currently raising their two daughters. When Elvin is not enjoying his awesome job, he likes to train in Mixed Martial arts, so he has aches and pains to complain about to the team at the office. You can reach him at Elvin.Martinez4@state.nm.us

Erica Martinez-Lovato

The Immunization Program promoted Erica Martinez-Lovato who now serves as the Program’s Immunization Manager. Erica joined the DOH two years ago as the NMSIIS Manager.



Prior to that Erica was the staff manager for Human Services Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD) and was responsible for the daily program operational oversight and management of MCO contracts and implementation of Care Coordination for Centennial Care. She also worked with the Aging and Long Term Services Department where she was the Coordination of Long Term Care Contract Liaison. Erica facilitated and assisted in ensuring adherence to all statutes that govern Medicare and Medicaid.

Erica has 18 years of experience in State government, is married and has a 9 year-old son and is currently pursuing PMI Certification through UC Berkley.

Sarah Meto

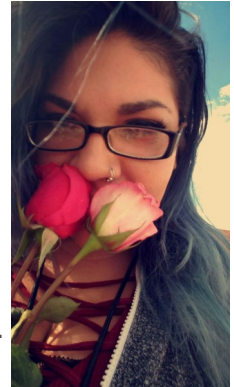
Sarah joins the Immunization Program as our new VFC Health Educator. She resides in Albuquerque and commutes to Santa Fe daily.



Sarah is trained as an M.D., in Kenya, where she briefly practiced medicine before moving to the US. Since arriving in the US, Sarah has been teaching Medical Assistant students in Albuquerque. Sarah graduated last year from the University of New Mexico with a Master’s Degree in Public Health.

Amber Padilla

Amber Padilla works as a Clerk with the Vaccine for Children’s (VFC) Program at the Immunization Program in Santa Fe. Her main responsibility is assisting with the needs of the Program, such as Recertifications, uploading vaccine shipping files, providing information to the providers, etc.



Amber offers her assistance to other programs as well. She was recently assigned to Help Desk tickets for Reconciliations. Prior to working at the DOH, Amber’s work experience includes working at non-profit organizations and in the fast food industry.

She was born and raised in Bernalillo, and in her free time, Amber loves to explore working with different art media and reading.

Lynne Padilla

Lynne has been promoted to VFC Program Manager. She has been with the Program for over six and a half years and had served as the Immunization VFC Clerk in her prior position.

In her current role, Lynne ensures that all VFC providers are in compliance with required CDC VFC policies and procedures, including reviewing and approving all vaccine provider orders in a timely manner.

Lynne has a great personality, she is a pleasure to work with, and is doing an excellent job of training her newly-hired staff.



Immunization Resources

Here is the link for the “No Shots? No Records? No School” back to school flyer: <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/marketing/3291/>

Here is an article from Lena Sun at the *Washington Post*. She has continued to cover the Minnesota measles outbreak and in her latest story examines the role imams are now playing in combating anti-vaccine messaging: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/imams-in-us-take-on-the-anti-vaccine-movement-during-ramadan/2017/05/26/8660edc6-41ad-11e7-8c25-44d09ff5a4a8_story.html?utm_term=.9f7fb725f5c8

A free E-course on vaccine hesitancy is now available from Washington State Nurses Association. It provides history, origins, impact of vaccine hesitancy, information and tips on how parents make decisions about vaccines. Follow this link to register: <https://www.wsna.org/calendar/event/there-never-was-an-age-of-reason-vaccines-vaccine-hesitancy-and-vaccine-decision-making-course/>

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