Immunization Program Training

On May 3, Immunization folks from across New Mexico gathered in Albuquerque for a one-day training on all Immunization issues, ranging from VFC rules to Hepatitis B to AFIX to NMSIIS updates and the Immunization program strategic plan. Thirty-five immunization program folks gathered to learn, network and share.

Included in the day was also a special presentation from a trainer from the State Personnel Office on "Happiness in the Workplace," which added some

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Annual Provider Awards for 2017

Every year, providers around the state are honored for their excellence in vaccinating children. In addition to the Provider Awards, Immunization Champions are also nominated and honored. This year is no different—NMIC named provider awardees who are listed on page 4, and two Immunization Champions, presented below.

Santa Clara Health Center Nursing Staff

The nursing team rose above and beyond during influenza season, working to immunize members of their community. They held clinics at schools and in the community, and immunized homebound patients. The nursing team diligently entered data into NMSIIS. Their goal to protect the community made the team approach effortless and efficient.

Brian Etheridge, MD

Dr. Etheridge is a long-time advocate for children's immunizations and a leader in the community. He has promoted partnership to increase HPV vaccination rates. Last year, Dr. Etheridge wrote two Op-Ed pieces on the importance of HPV vaccine and organized a webinar on HPV guidelines to improve New Mexico's HPV rates.

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Raymond Gallegos

A native New Mexican, Raymond was born and raised in Albuquerque. He also had the opportunity to travel abroad to experience other cultures, but over the years has learned to appreciate what we have here at home. Raymond has 14 years of experience working in the BPO industry, focusing on training development/design and delivery of performance-based learning, as well as performance development and process analysis. He has been fortunate to be on the initial launch and training teams for multiple clients in both North American locations as well as international sites.

For much of Raymond’s personal time you will find him either riding his Harley or planning his next fishing trip. Like many of you, he enjoys spending time with family and friends when not working. He also works closely with the motorcyclist community and other organizations to create a safer riding culture in New Mexico.

Raymond looks forward to bringing his experience to his new role as NMSIIS Training Coordinator and to being part of improving the state we call home. Raymond can be reached via email at Raymond.Gallegos@state.nm.us

Samantha Griego

We are pleased to announce that Samantha Griego has accepted the position of VFC Health Educator. Samantha joined the Vaccines for Children’s Program as a Clerk in April 2017. Prior to joining the VFC team she worked in the medical field for ten years; some of those years she served as a Medical Assistant and cherished every minute of it.

Samantha is a native New Mexican and grew up in Tesuque. She loves spending time outdoors and enjoys camping during the summer months. Samantha brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Health Educator position and will be an exceptional asset.

Join us in congratulating Sam on her promotion to this position with the VFC Program! Email Sam at Samantha.Griego@state.nm.us

Rebecka Hartung

Rebecka grew up in Michigan on Lake Erie. She has six children; five girls and one boy. Their ages range from 39 to 21 years old. One of Rebecka’s daughters followed in her footsteps—she became a nurse three years ago. She has 14 grandchildren. Plus, she has 3 fur babies, a pit bull named Cinnamon, and two corgi mixes named Dylan and Rollo. Rebecka likes to read, watch TV, work on crafts, garden, camp and fish.

Rebecka has been a nurse for over 36 years. She has worked in a variety of settings including home care, hospital, community service, freestanding psychiatric, occupational environment, mortality review, compliance officer, forensic nursing, long-term care, and sub-acute care. Rebecka has over 12 years as nurse manager/director, 7 years as charge nurse and 4 years as a nurse educator. She moved to New Mexico after completing her Master’s Degree. Three of her children came with her.

Rebecka is excited to join the group at Midtown Public Health Office as the Nurse Manager. She can be reached at rebecka.hartung@state.nm.us
Vaccines and Pregnancy

Getting Vaccinated While Pregnant Protects Both Mom and Baby

whooping cough vaccines, and to find out what other vaccines you may need. Talk to your doctor or midwife about flu and immunizations for people of all ages, visit Immunization resources

The importance of timely immunizations during the shortage is critical. Click here for the link.

WHOOPING COUGH - Pertussis

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a serious disease, especially in infants. Coughing fits and gasp for air, while others may stop breathing. About half of babies younger than 12 months who get whooping cough are hospitalized. The good news is that you can help protect your baby getting the whooping cough vaccine (also called Tdap) during your newborn from this disease from the time he is born until your baby gets his own whooping cough vaccine at 2 months of age. Doctors and midwives who specialize in treating pregnant women agree that the importance of vaccinating against pertussis and flu during pregnancy is crucial. During the 3rd trimester of pregnancy, click here for the link.

INFLUENZA - Flu

The flu can be a dangerous illness, especially for pregnant women and young children. Changes in a woman's immune, heart, and lung functions during pregnancy make her more likely to get severely ill and suffer severe complications from the flu than non-pregnant women. Her flu shot, your body makes antibodies that can be passed on to your baby after he or she is born. Vaccination against flu until 6 months of age, but are at high risk of severe complications from the flu. Sadly, every year, about 20,000 children under five are hospitalized and approximately 100 die due to flu. For additional protection, make sure friends, family and caregivers who will be in contact with your baby are up-to-date on their vaccinations. This is important because babies do not begin their flu shots until at least two weeks later, and they will pass antibodies to your baby that will help protect her for at least six months. Click here for the link.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has many printable resources available regarding HPV vaccine. Materials are clinician-focused and parent/patient-focused, including a flip chart for pediatric offices aimed at helping providers discuss adolescent immunization with patients and families. Access materials here.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has developed Clinician and System Action Guides. These booklets are tailored to specific audiences and communicate key interventions and strategies to raise HPV vaccination rates. Click here to access the guides. The titles are listed on the sidebar.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has created a fact sheet that provides information on the importance of vaccinating against pertussis and flu during pregnancy, click here for the link.

New CDC materials now available

#PreteenVaxScene Webinar Recording: An Interprofessional Approach to HPV and...
levity and contemplation to the training. CEU’s were offered for nurses, and raffle items were given to five lucky winners.

Here are some photos from the Training.

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in-service training, etc. The complimentary versions are available for mobile devices from the Google Play Store or from the Apple iTunes Store.

The National HPV Vaccination Roundtable invites you to join the HPV Cancer Free Family group on Facebook. It is a place for families to find accurate information about HPV vaccination, HPV-related cancers and get answers from doctors, nurses, researchers, HPV cancer survivors and other advocates. A representative will be on-hand to answer questions and respond to comments at least once a day Monday-Friday. Join here.

JAMA Pediatrics: Communication Intervention. A key factor influencing adolescent HPV vaccination is how a healthcare professional recommends it. An article in the March issue of JAMA Pediatrics, "Effect of a Healthcare Professional Communication Training Intervention on Adolescent Human Papillomavirus Vaccination: A Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial" found that communication has a positive impact on HPV vaccine series initiation. Medical professionals often fail to communicate effectively about the HPV vaccine. The President’s Cancer Panel has indicated that interventions to improve healthcare professionals’ communication about adolescent HPV vaccination are needed. CDC has posted a Childhood Immunization Update for healthcare professionals. This 1-hour presentation is intended for use by physicians or vaccine coordinators during grand rounds presentations or other educational meetings. It may be customized. Click here for the presentation.

An on-demand webinar is available here titled Vaccine Confidence: The Key to Communicating with Parents and Patients by Sanofi Pasteur.

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases has various resources for colleges:

- Increase flu vaccination rate in college students, webinar
- Infographic on flu
- Report on flu
- Alana’s Foundation
**NMIC Provider Award Winners**

These practices have achieved immunization excellence in accordance with NMSIIS data records. We honor and recognize these excellent providers for keeping children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

### 80% and higher childhood immunization rate

- BCA Medical Associates, Artesia
- BCA Medical Associates, Carlsbad
- Maria G. Crawley, MD, Las Cruces
- Dulce Health Center
- Full Bloom Pediatrics, Las Cruces
- Gallup Indian Medical Center
- Allan L. Paul, MD, Alamagordo
- Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad
- Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, College Clinic, Pediatrics, Gallup

### 10% or more increase in childhood immunization rate from the initial visit to the follow-up AFIX visit

- Dulce Health Center
- Gallup Indian Medical Center
- La Casa De Buena Salud, Portales
- La Clinica De Familia, Central

### 80% and higher adolescent HPV immunization completion rate

- Las Cruces Family Medicine
- Maria G. Crawley, MD, Las Cruces
- St. Anthony Pediatrics, Anthony
- Santa Fe Indian Hospital
- Thoreau Health Clinic

### 70% and higher adolescent HPV immunization completion rate

- Crownpoint Healthcare Facility
- Dulce Health Center

### 10% or more increase in HPV vaccine completion rate from the initial visit to the follow-up AFIX visit

- Carrizozo Health Clinic
- El Centro Family Health, Coyote Clinic
- Miners Colfax Medical Center Clinic, Raton
- Pediatric Health Services, Albuquerque
- Santa Clara Health Center Española
- Union Medical, Roswell
- Zuni Indian Hospital

*Practices being recognized in more than one category*
New Mexico’s Immunization Team attended the National Immunization Conference in Atlanta. Left to Right: Margaret Cunningham, Lynne Padilla, Anna Peltier, Kelly Bassett, Rebecca Gehring, Scarlett Swanson (front), Lisa Jacques-Carroll, Maggie June, Jordan Burton, Erica Martinez.