NMIC 2015 Provider Awards Dinner

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On May 1, the annual NMIC Provider Awards Dinner was held. Providers were honored for having immunization rates of 90% and above for vaccines for children aged two. This year 118 provider were honored—the highest number ever, surpassing last year’s 101! NMIC honored thirteen providers for excellence in adolescent immunizations. These providers were selected based on their high coverage rates for HPV 3-dose vaccine completion. We also honored eleven providers who had excellent use of NMSIIS in addition to rates over 90%. The event was held at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque and was a big success with over 240 attendees! Congratulations to all of the providers who work hard to protect New Mexico’s children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

This year five people were honored for their tireless work to help pass Senate Bill 121, the Vaccine Purchasing Act. The legislation allows New Mexico to remain a universal purchase state by ensuring payment for vaccines given to children with private health insurance. The Senators and Representatives who were honored include: Representative Terry H. McMillan, Senator Bill B. O’Neill, Senator Michael S. Sanchez and Representative Don L. Tripp. Department of Health Deputy Secretary Lynn Gallagher was honored for her crucial support of the bill.

Three individuals and one group were honored as Immunization Champions: Amy Bachyryz, PharmD; Lisa Leahigh, MSN, MPH, RN; Christine Long, BSN, RN; and the School Nurses for Farmington Municipal Schools (See table on pages 2-3 for the listing of award winners).

Debbie McCune Davis, Executive Director for The Arizona Partnership for Immunization, (TAPI) gave the keynote address and presented information on the “Protect Me with Three” and “Take Control” tween/teen vaccination promotion campaigns. New Mexico is adapting TAPI’s materials to promote the teen platform vaccines—Tdap, HPV and Meningococcal vaccines. Ms. McCune Davis shared the positive results Arizona has seen since launching the campaign. Attendees received posters and flyers for their clinics.

The evening celebration included dinner, followed by the keynote address and the distribution of awards. Ricardo Roadrunner, our Immunization mascot, made an appearance and graciously posed for photos. Mark Williams, Division Director of Public Health, with the New Mexico Department of Health was on hand to congratulate winners and distribute awards.
Department of Health Immunization Program two-day Training

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On May 20-21, the NMIC helped coordinate a two-day training for Department of Health Immunization Program staff from across New Mexico. Over eighty people attended the first day, which focused primarily on IZ program updates for VFC procedures, CASA AFIX site visit guidelines, NMSIS, a panel of Regional Immunization Coordinators on best practices, and vaccine purchasing.

The second day covered a range of topics of more general interest. Over 100 people attended the second day and heard presentations on Measles epidemiology, HPV special projects, new meningococcal B and HPV vaccines, fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone, school requirements compliance, and the new “Protect Me with Three” campaign. In addition, Dr. Lance Chilton conducted another powerful interview of a person impacted by a vaccine preventable disease; this interview was with a woman impacted by cervical cancer.

The two-day training provided Nursing CEU’s and was very well received. This training is valuable not only for the information, but for the opportunity for IZ staff from across the state to meet one another and discuss challenges and successes that they are experiencing in their regions. Thanks to all the excellent presenters and the great discussions it was a very productive and interesting two days.

Excellence in NMSIS Usage
ABQ Health Partners, Sandia
BCA Medical Associates, Artesia
Ben Archer Health Center, Doña Ana
Deming Health Center, PMS
La Casa de Buena Salud, Portales
La Familia Primary Care, Raton
McKelvy Pediatrics, Roswell
Pueblo of Isleta Health Center
Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad
San Felipe Health Center
Valencia Valley Healthcare, Albuquerque

Excellence in Legislative Policy
Deputy Secretary Lynn Gallagher
Representative Terry H. McMillan
Senator Bill B. O’Neill
Senator Michael S. Sanchez
Representative Don L. Tripp

Excellence in Adolescent Coverage
Crownpoint Health Care Facility*
La Clinica de Familia, Anthony*
La Clinica de Familia, Chaparral*
Las Cruces Family Medicine
Para Los Niños, Pediatrics Department
Pecos Valley Medical Center*
San Juan County Juvenil Detention Center, Farmington
Sastun Family Medicine, Santa Fe
J. Paul Taylor Center, Las Cruces
Union Medical, Roswell
UNM Family and Internal Medicine*
Western NM Medical Group, Thoreau
Zia Health Clinic*

*Award winners in both over 90% childhood vaccination rates and excellence in adolescent coverage
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New Mexico’s Provider Award Winners

New Mexico providers from around the state were honored at NMIC’s Provider Awards Dinner for attaining immunization rates of 90% or higher. These providers have worked diligently to ensure that children are up to date on immunizations. Providers were recognized with a framed certificate—the biggest awards celebration so far! Special awards of Excellence were given in three categories: 1) Adolescent Coverage, 2) NMSIIS Usage, and 3) Legislative Policy. Four Immunization Champions were recognized for their dedication to immunizations as well.

**NW Region**
- Acoma Cationcio Laguna Service Unit
- William Barkman, DO, Aztec
- Cibola Family Health Center, Grants
- Crownpoint Health Care Facility
- Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle I.H.S. Clinic, Bloomfield
- Gallup Indian Health Service Medical Center
- Northern Navajo Medical Ctr., Shiprock
- San Juan Health Partners, Aztec
- San Juan Medical Group, Farmington
- San Juan Pediatrics, Farmington
- Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Center

**NE Region**
- Alta Vista Youth Clinic, Las Vegas
- Camino Entrada Pediatrics, Santa Fe
- Children’s Clinic:
  - Los Alamos
  - White Rock
- Christus St. Vincent Hospital, Santa Fe
- Clayton Family Practice
- Dulce Health Ctr., Jicarilla Service Unit
- El Centro Family Health:
  - Embudo
  - Peñasco
- Española Hospital, PMG
- Family Practice Associates of Raton
- Family Practice Associates, Santa Fe
- Family Practice Associates of Taos
- La Familia Medical Center, Santa Fe
- La Familia Primary Care, Raton
- Las Clinicas del Norte, Abiquiu
- Meadow City Family Clinic, Las Vegas
- Moreno Valley Health Clinic, Angel Fire
- Pecos Valley Medical Center
- Pojoaque Primary Care Clinic
- Rio Arriba County Public Health Office, Española
- Rodeo Family Medicine, Santa Fe
- Santa Fe Family Practice
- Santa Fe P.H.S. Hospital, Outpatient
- Sunrise Medical Group, Santa Rosa

**Metro Region**
- Taos Clinic for Youth and Children
  - Unity Medical Clinic, Santa Fe
- **ABQ Health Partners:**
  - Coors
  - Gibson Pediatrics
  - Journal Center Peds
  - Juan Tabo
  - Montgomery
  - Rio Bravo
  - Rio Rancho
  - Sandia
- After Hours Pediatrics:
  - Holly
  - West Side
- Albuquerque Indian Hospital
- The DocSpa, Albuquerque
- Edgewood Pediatric Clinic
- First Choice Community Healthcare:
  - Alamosa
  - Belen
  - Broadway
  - Edgewood
  - North Valley
  - Southwest Valley
- First Nations Community Healthsource, Albuquerque
- Jemez Health Clinic
- Reginald Lord, MD, Albuquerque
- Molina Medical, Albuquerque
- Parveen’s Pediatric Care, Albuquerque
- Pediatric Associates, Albuquerque
- Pediatric Health Services, Albuquerque
- Dr. Phil Pediatrics, Rio Rancho
- Presbyterian Medical Group:
  - Belen
  - High Resort Pediatrics, Rio Rancho
  - Isleta Pediatrics
  - Kaseman Family Practice
  - Los Lunas
  - Northside Pediatrics
  - Rio Rancho Family Practice
  - San Mateo
  - Wyoming
  - Pueblo of Isleta Health Center
- Rio Ahajo Family Practice, Los Lunas
- Romero Family Medicine, Albuquerque
- Christopher Roveco, MD, Albuquerque
- San Felipe Health Center
- Santo Domingo Pueblo Health Center
- Southwest Medical Associates:
  - Northside
  - Westside
  - UNM Hospital:
    - Carrie Tingley Hospital
    - Family and Internal Medicine
    - Family Health Clinic, Academy

**SE Region**
- BCA Medical Associates, Artesia
- La Casa de Buena Salud, Portales
- La Casa Family Health Ctr. Peds, Roswell
- Logan Family Practice
- Thien Luu, MD, Clovis
- McKelvy Pediatrics, Roswell
- Plains Regional Medical Grp. Peds, Clovis
- Quay County Family Hlth. Ctr., Tucumcari
- Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad
- Salvatore LaFata, MD, Clovis
- Sierra Blanca Family Medicine, Ruidoso
- White Mountain Medical, Ruidoso

**SW Region**
- Alamo Navajo Health Clinic, Magdalena
- Ben Archer Health Center, Doña Ana
- Deming Health Center PMS
- First Step Pediatrics, Las Cruces
- Guillermo Hernandez, Jr. DO, Las Cruces
- La Clinica de Familia:
  - Anthony
  - Chaparral
  - Las Cruces
  - San Miguel
- Mesilla Valley Healthcare Assoc, Las Cruces
- Allen L. Paul, MD, Alamogordo
- Rio Grande Medical Group, Las Cruces

**Immunization Champions**
- Amy Bachyrycz, PharmD
- Lisa Leahigh, MSN, MPH, RN
- Christine Long, BSN, RN, NCSN
- School Nurses, Farmington Municipal Schools
Award winning practices from around the state were honored for their excellence in vaccinating at the NMIC Provider Awards Dinner. Awards were presented by Mark Williams, Public Health Division Director, NMDOH. (Mr. Williams is noted as MW in the photos below).

**Immunization Policy Special Awards:** MW, Senators Bill O’Neil and Michael Sanchez, Therese Hidalgo, Drs. Melissa Martinez & Lance Chilton

**Immunization Champions:** Amy Bachyrycz, Sharon Lee, Erin Raykiewicz, Lisa Leahigh, Francine Olmstead and Christine Long

**Gallup IHS Medical Center**
MW and John Ratmeyer, MD

**El Centro Family Health, Embudo**
MW and Athena Johnson

**Family Practice Associates of Raton**
Sandra Segotta and MW

**Excellence in Adolescent vaccination coverage Statewide Awardees,** see page two for listing

**Jemez Health Clinic**
MW, Leonore Romero, Marlene Magdalena, John Hahn

**Guillermo Hernandez Jr. DO, Las Cruces**
MW and Ernie Garcia
School Health Advocates statewide

By Rebecca Trujillo and Janie Lee Hall
NMDOH School Health Advocates

As veteran School Health Advocates (SHAs), we are thrilled to have a full complement of SHAs to advocate for student health, as part of the Office of School & Health and Public Health Regional teams! One of the ways SHAs support schools and school districts is by connecting them to NMDOH Public Health and community resources. We also assist school nurses in making sure that students are up to date on the required immunizations, and support them in the control of communicable diseases. It is an honor to work in partnership with the NM Immunization Coalition by facilitating school and school district participation in the School Kids Influenza Immunization Project. Here are introductions from our new SHA’s around the state:

Southwest Region
Brandi Gorzeman, R.N.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I represent the Southwest Region on issues regarding nursing in New Mexico schools. I am excited about this new position and the challenges it presents.

I graduated from NMSU in 1993 with an AD in Nursing. I worked for a Cardiologist for the first 10 years of my nursing career while obtaining my BSN. I completed my BSN in 1997 at NMSU. In 2003 I became a School Nurse with the Las Cruces Public Schools. I was an elementary school nurse for 9 years, a middle school nurse for 2 two years and a high school nurse for a year.

I have an open door policy, so if you are ever in the Las Cruces area, please stop by my office.

Northeast Region
Veronica Trujillo, R.N.

I am thrilled to be the new School Health Advocate for the Northeast Region. I began my nursing career in 2009, where I worked as charge nurse on a Medical/Surgical unit at Christus St. Vincent Hospital before moving to Public Health in 2012. While working in the Public Health office I gained vast experience with Immunizations, Family Planning, STI/Harm Reduction, and TB.

I am excited to use this experience in my new role as SHA for the NE Region and hope to visit with you this coming school year! Please contact me anytime with questions, concerns, or just to say hello!

Northwest & Metro Regions
Susan Acosta, R.N.

I am delighted to serve as the Metro Area School Health Advocate for the past eight months and look forward to serving all the private, parochial, charter, and public school districts in my area. I received a Bachelor’s of Science degree from Texas Women’s University, and began my nursing career at Children’s Medical Center of Dallas in the Pediatric ICU. I have a background in emergency services, case management, home care, administration/management, and have been fortunate to work in the specialty area of school health for the past 12 years, with 10 of these years in school nursing. School health is my professional passion, and look forward to working with all that support students, and families to be healthy.

I too have an open door policy, so please contact me or come by the Midtown Public Health Office to visit.

Rebecca (Becky) Trujillo has been a SHA in the Southeast Region for 7 years.
Janie Lee Hall has been a SHA in the Northwest Region for 19 years.

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Gardasil 9
Gardasil 9 (9vHPV), which received FDA approval last December, is now recommended by ACIP as one of three HPV vaccines that can be used for routine vaccination. The administration schedule is the same as for Gardasil. ACIP did not indicate a preference of one vaccine over another.

“9vHPV, 4vHPV or 2vHPV can be used for routine vaccination of females aged 11 or 12 years and females through age 26 years who have not been vaccinated previously or who have not completed the 3-dose series. 9vHPV or 4vHPV can be used for routine vaccination of males aged 11 or 12 years and males through age 21 years who have not been vaccinated previously or who have not completed the 3-dose series. ACIP recommends either 9vHPV or 4vHPV vaccination for men who have sex with men and immunocompromised persons (including those with HIV infection) through age 26 years if not vaccinated previously.” MMWR, March 27, 2015. 64(11); 300-304.

Meningococcal vaccines
Two new vaccines against Meningococcal serogroup B, Bexsero and Trumenba, were discussed at the abbreviated ACIP meeting in February. The meningococcal B vaccine is separate from and in addition to the MCV4 vaccine that is already recommended. At the meeting, ACIP members voted to recommend the new Mening B vaccines for high risk populations only: those 10 years and older who are at increased risk for meningococcal serogroup B infection including: persons with persistent complement component deficiencies; persons with anatomic or functional asplenia, microbiologists routinely exposed to isolates of Neisseria meningitidis; and persons identified to be at increased risk because of serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreaks (i.e. college students). This will be revisited at the upcoming June ACIP meeting to determine if a broader recommendation should be made.

Influenza vaccine
Influenza vaccine for 2015-16 will have a new formulation. The vaccine will switch out the A-H3N2 strain for the A/Switzerland, and the B strain for the B/Phuket strain. The other A-component, H1N1, will remain the same. The quadrivalent influenza vaccine will also include the B/Brisbane strain. In addition, the ACIP voted to retract a preference for FluMist in children 2-8, and just recommends that all persons 6 months and older receive annual flu vaccine.
New mobile app promotes “Done by One”

By Todd Watkins
Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC)

Done by One (DBO) is an immunization schedule that optimizes the earliest ages for administration of infant vaccinations as a way to protect children as soon as possible and avoid missed opportunities. DBO adheres to ACIP recommendations.

“As the Done-by-One app is similar to the CDC’s vaccine app — easy to use and really helpful. We are grateful to STC for partnering with IPAC and hope to get this app used throughout New Mexico and beyond."

Melissa Martinez, MD
IPAC co-chair

shots are needed in order to follow the DBO immunization schedule. By adhering to this schedule, kids are protected at the earliest possible age when they are most vulnerable to contracting vaccine preventable diseases.

The user downloads an icon onto their mobile device for easy access. The app provides information about which

Immunization Program staff announcements

NMIC is delighted to introduce Margaret Campos, the new Immunization Program Manager and Erica Martinez-Lovato, the new NMSIIS Program Manager. We also welcome Ms. Campos as the new co-chair of the NMIC, along with long-time co-chair Dr. Norman White.

These women both come to their new roles having excellent experience and background and bring tremendous management skills to the Program. Please join us in welcoming them to their new positions.

Erica Martinez-Lovato, above and Margaret Campos, right
2015 calendar of events

July
7/9  IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
7/16  NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

August “Immunization Awareness” month
8/1  Got Shots? Protect Tots! 8/1 thru 8/15
8/13  IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
8/21  NMIC Meeting, Marriott Pyramid Albuquerque

September
9/10  IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm

October
10/8  IPAC: IZ Practices Advisory Council mtg., 1:30-4pm
10/16  NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

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item to submit for the newsletter.

ABQ Health Partners, Coors location Award Winners
Posing with Ricardo the Immunization Roadrunner Mascot;
Anna Gamboa, “Ricardo”, Blanca Villareyes, Jasmine Gutierrez

Providers, join us to participate in “Got Shots? Protect
Tots!” back-to-school immunization campaign. Visit the
NMIC website to register or contact Maggie June at 505-
272-3032, or mjune@salud.unm.edu

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