

**Cervical Cancer Task Force
Regular Meeting (virtual)**

**October 19, 2023
Minutes**

Attending Task Force Members:

Dr. Sam Greenfield, AMDPA; Kim Wilmot, DHS; Kenya Eddings, AMHC; Rhelinda McFadden, AFMC; Dr. Mike Riddell, AMS; Pamela Brown, AHA

Absent Task Force Members:

Laura Fletcher, Community at Large; Pamela Brown, AHA; Rhonda Brown, ADH; Krista Kirksey Thomas, ACS; Dr. Amanda Deel, Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians

Other Meeting Attendees:

Nicole Blanks, Arkansas Cancer Coalition; Misty Smith, ADH; Gina Gulley, ADH; Heather Mercer, ImmunizeAR

I. Old Business

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. Dr. Greenfield went over the July meeting minutes.
 2. Dr. Ridell and Rhelinda McFadden made a motion to approve the July minutes. Misty Smith reiterated that there weren't enough members to make a quorum due to most of this meeting's attendees being nonmembers.
 3. Rhelinda McFadden suggested a motion to approve the April and July meeting minutes.
 4. Dr. Ridell discussed the ongoing problem of not having enough members to make a quorum. He shared that he wasn't sure if it was due to a lack of enthusiasm, or the meeting time being satisfactory. The meeting dynamic will be discussed at the next meeting.

II. Task Force Vacancies

- a. There are currently 2 vacancies for the Cervical Cancer Task Force
 1. There has been verbal confirmation from Dr. Creshelle Nash, to represent the Medical Insurance Industry.

III. Member Updates

- a) Dr. Ridell shared that the Colposcopy program wants to expand into the health department. It is currently in operation in 5 different regions. He

feels that there is a need in the southeast region. A list of a couple of scopes, instruments, and supplies are currently being crafted. He also discussed the need for children's vaccines and an adult vaccination program in the United States. He also shared that he thinks that Gardasil should be suggested starting at age 9. The colposcopy program is in Hempstead County, which serves the southwest region of Arkansas and Crittenden County, which serves Northeast Arkansas. Dr. Greenfield suggested Dr. Riddell pull a few of the cases to see what the experience was and discuss them at the January meeting.

- b) Heather Mercer mentioned that per the inflation reduction act, adults won't have any cost sharing. Vaccines should be covered under Medicaid as of October 1st, 2023. Mercer also shared that she attended a training at St. Jude's in September on motivational interviewing that was specifically for adolescent vaccines. ImmunizeAR will offer that same training the day before the HPV Summit, which is May 3rd of 2024. She also talked about bundling vaccines at age 9 that would include Tdap, Meningitis, and HPV and the fact that some pediatricians are taking that approach, and some aren't.
- c) Dr. Riddell wants to promote the HPV Toolkit to educate people on the HPV Vaccine to county health officers by doing presentations at civic clubs, and in their community, as well as hospitals or schools.
- d) Rhelinda McFadden shared that HPV Vaccinations are being looked at for future value-based program inclusion and quality metrics for the PCMH Program for Medicaid.

IV. Other Business

- a. Dr. Greenfield presented a (proposed) campaign for the cervical cancer recommendations using ChatGPT. The members discussed changes to the recommendation. Once the recommendation document is developed, it will be sent to all members.
- b. The attending members suggested sending out a survey for members to propose meeting times that work best for everyone and if the Zoom format works best for everyone.

V. Agenda items for January

- a. Discuss new proposed meeting times, i.e. are lunch break times better?
- b. Discuss minutes from the July and October, 2023 meeting.

- c. Discuss results from the Colposcopy program in Arkansas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next meeting is January 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.