



Illinois Department of Public Health
Lyme Disease Task Force (LDTF)
Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

(Meeting Location: Hosted online Via WebEx : Call-in Option was provided)

Lyme Disease Task Force Members in Attendance

Name	Task Force Position	Attended
Dr. Arti Barnes	IDPH Chief Medical Officer, Chairwoman	X
Dr. Shami Goyal	IL Department of Financial and Professional Regulation	X
Dr. Sana Shireen Ahmed	Infectious Disease Physician; Administrator	X
Dr. Vidya Sundareshan	Infectious Disease Physician; Educator	X
Dr. Roberta Van Zant	Family Medicine Physician	
Dr. Sandy Martell	Advanced Practice RN; Administrator	X
Ms. Carla Ewing	Local Health Department Administrator	
Dr. Nohra Mateus Pinilla	Veterinarian; Educator	X
Ms. Tonya Foster	Member of the Public	
Ms. Holly C. Tuten, Ph.D.	Member of the Public	X
Ms. Jennifer Russell	Member of the Public	X
Mrs. Linda Kehart	Member of the Public	X
Representative Daniel Swanson	Legislative Appointee	X
Representative Dave Severin	Legislative Appointee	X
Ms. Maureen Maloney	Legislative Appointee	
Senator Dale Fowler	Legislative Appointee	
Senator Neil Anderson	Legislative Appointee	
Senator Laura Murphy	Legislative Appointee	X

Illinois Department of Public Health Staff in Attendance

Name	Title
Gerrin CheekButler	Deputy Director of Health Protection
April Holmes	Specialist, Environmental Health Vector Control Program
Judy Kauerauf	Section Chief Communicable Disease
Debbie Freeman	Manager, Communicable Disease Vectorborne Surveillance Program
Jonathan Popovitch	Specialist, Communicable Disease Vectorborne Surveillance Program

Others in Attendance

Name	Title
David Porter	Illinois State Medical Society
Tony Galbo	Member of the Public

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1. Call to Order	Jonathan took roll call, quorum met. Dr. Arti Barnes, IDPH Chief Medical Officer and LDTF Chairwoman called meeting called to order 10:02 am. After a quick hello from Dr. Barnes, Dr. Goyal and Dr. Sundareshan were introduced as newly appointed members of the LDTF, filling vacancies on the board.	
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes Adoption Vote	<p>Second order, Dr. Barnes presented the previous meeting minutes and motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Martell motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Tuten. All in favor was asked by Dr. Barnes, all ayes non opposed, minutes approved.</p> <p>Before starting the presentation, Dr. Barnes called for the new appointees to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Dr. Goyal said hello, introducing as the Chief Medical officer for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation / Illinois State Medical Board.</p> <p>Dr. Sundareshan said hello, Chief of Infectious Diseases for Southern Illinois School of Medicine.</p> <p>Rep. Dan Swanson asked about the two new members to the LDTF, wanting clarification what positions were being filled.</p> <p>Dr. Barnes explained Dr. Goyal was fulfilling the vacancy for IDFP, and called on Jonathan Popovitch to clarify the second position being filled.</p> <p>Jonathan Popovitch stated that Dr. Sundareshan is filling the vacancy of Infectious Disease Physician; Educator previously held by Dr. Reid.</p> <p>Linda Kehart interjected, asking if roll had been taken.</p> <p>Jonathan Popovitch went through roll. All in attendance are listed above.</p>	6/9/2022 meeting minutes posted to IDPH LDTF portal page.

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3. Clinical Presentation on Lyme Diagnosis and Treatment	<p>Dr. Sundareshan and Dr. Ali Syed from SIU School of Medicine covered a twenty-five-minute presentation of Lyme disease including diagnosis and treatment. The first half of the presentation was done by Dr. Sundareshan, a board-certified infectious diseases provider, who is the Chief of Infectious Diseases, professor for SIU school of medicine, the program director for Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at SIU and medical advisor to the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. Her presentation walked through the clinical aspect doctors are looking for when assessing patients suspected of Lyme disease. The remaining half of the presentation from SIU was conducted by Dr. Ali Syed, MD, a second-year fellow in the SIU Infectious Diseases Program. Dr. Syed covered the recommended treatment regimens, explaining the preferred routes and considerations when treating a patient for Lyme. Their presentation encapsulated how the SIU medical program in Illinois is training providers to effectively identify, diagnose and treat acute Lyme disease for Illinois patients effectively transforming educational theory to clinical practice.</p>	
4. Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act Updates	<p>Debbie Freeman and April Holmes presented IDPH activities outlined in the Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act.</p> <p>Updates included fiscal updates related to the EH Vector Surveillance, governmental agreements, the lack of funding specific to Lyme disease, ELC grant funding earmarked for printing and distribution of educational materials only. These materials are provided to IDNR to distribute to IDNR managed State of Illinois parks. Pocket cards were also distributed to hunting and fishing license issuing facilities. Opportunities to distribute these cards were also available at both Illinois State Fair locations (Springfield and Du Quoin). April and Debbie went through each of the actionable statements listed in the public act. This includes the continued work of active vector surveillance, continued communication with local health departments, review of JCAR reportable disease rules, educational approaches for providers, local health departments and the general public. The IDPH public webpage updates have been made, including clinician materials, visibility for the vector maps, research articles, links to clinical pages and the LDTF page.</p>	

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5. Public comment	<p>Tony Galbo – member of the public – presented questions to the board. Specifically, if the LDTF is responsible for addressing the hurdles he identifies with providers treating patients not having access to information shared. Brought up questions about RMSF mapping he had with calls to the CDC. Continues to ask about historical mapping.</p> <p>Dr. Barnes – The presentation today is an example of IDPH updates addressing the statements in the Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act specifically. We have been able to accomplish this without additional funding for 2022, but if we were to get more resources, we could really up the game in terms of offering additional educational materials.</p>	
6. Adjournment	<p>Dr. Arti Barnes thanked everyone in attendance. Meeting adjourned for running over time by 4 minutes.</p>	

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