**September 20, 2023, EMIC Meeting Minutes**

**2:00pm – 3:30 PM via Zoom**

**There were 17 participants in attendance.**

Emily Haines Amy Christiana Laurie Herrick

Jasmine Anderson Kim Uweh Lya Gearheart

Melisa Hart Cheryl Tomasello Toniann Seals

Liliana Pinete Daina Potter Terri Fucci

Yareni Sime Leanne Loewenthal Mohamed Jalloh

Joseph Schwab Milka Rodriguez

EMIC Mtg Recording Link to Playlist:

<https://youtu.be/ykXv60CZGWs>

**Administrative Business and Coalition Updates**

Dr. Schwab opened the meeting at 2:04 PM and proceeded with introductions and approval of the June 2023 minutes. Leanne Loewenthal motioned to approve the June minutes and they were approved by members in the chat.

**Presentation**

Dr. Schwab introduced Dr. Mohamed Jalloh to present on Children’s Books to Improve Vaccine Health Education in Communities of Color. Dr. Jalloh presented preliminary results of a study using the Andre’s Armor children’s book which he wrote. The intervention was shown to improve vaccine confidence scores among participating caregivers.

Emily Haines provided an update of the EMIC Working Groups. The EMIC Community Education provided education on HPV, RSV, NJIIS, and Motivational Interviewing for professionals this quarter. They are also planning a 9/30 Accessible Vaccine Flu Clinic in collaboration with Nutley Health Department. The Community Engagement working group is working on flu campaign events and engaging the Influenza Action Group members. There are also 2 upcoming webinar events on 9/27 and 11/1 shared by NJDOH for a Back to School Webinar and an Adult Immunization Conference. The Protect me with 3+ campaign and Step Up, Vax Up, campaign is starting to accept student submissions this fall.

Leanne Loewenthal shared that the Docket app can be used by the public to access their vaccine records. Kim Uweh provided information about coverage for RSV vaccine for older adults. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Emily Haines, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern NJ.*