

Core Public Health Committee Meeting
August 17, 2016

- Introduction: Dr. Kelly Kimple, a pediatrician who is the new Women’s and Children’s Health Section Chief

- Immunization Status of Kindergartners – Peter Anderson, Wendy Holmes
 - DHHS staff met with DPI to discuss issues, one being the number of kindergartners enrolling without immunization status updated; data indicates increased incidence of this; schools will be reporting for the upcoming school year (should have information by November)
 - Wendy Holmes reported that, for the upcoming school year, immunization surveys will be for 7th graders and kinders due to new rules effective July 1, 2016; in 2020, high schools will be surveyed due to changes in recommended vaccinations
 - Peter stated there are some differences with DPI reporting absences so some of the numbers vary
 - DHHS Secretary wants to send a joint memo with State Superintendent, encouraging local health departments to work with school superintendents to get children appropriately immunized to avoid delays in school attendance; division is soliciting “best practices” to include in the memo (send to Peter or Wendy)
 - Peter will send document “2015-2016 Kindergarten Immunization Reporting Data by County and School Type” and a spread sheet with reporting details by individual school via Lynette Tolson
 - Wendy indicated that local health directors will receive an Assessment Report