

NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Mobilizing to maintain parental choice on vaccines in Minnesota on July 16th and 25th

As you may have heard, the proposed bill to restrict vaccine exemptions in Minnesota did NOT pass in 2015. However, the bills are still alive for next session and they could be revived and passed next year! We now need to lay the groundwork to prevent this bill from moving in 2016. Please attend the upcoming events (details below) to help us protect MN exemption rights!

<u>SF380</u> passed the Senate Health Committee 6:4 (1 abstain) but no vote took place on the Senate floor so it did not advance. <u>HF393</u> did not receive a hearing in the House Health Committee,; Consider sending a note of thanks to Rep. Tara Mack, chair of the committee, for not scheduling the bill; Email: <u>rep.tara.mack@house.mn</u>. Thank you to all who mobilized to send messages to legislators in opposition to this bill!

Strategy Planning Session&

When: Thursday, July 16, at 7 pm

Where: Chris Abel's house, 3411 Winnetka Ave. N., Crystal, MN; (763) 546-1708

Why: At this meeting we will organize visits in key districts, and plan talking points. We will also talk about the structure of our coalition of groups working together and ways to raise funds for lobbying efforts.

Our goal during the summer and fall is to set up small to medium group meetings with the key legislators on this issue when they are not in session and able to devote more time to meeting with us. Having a group of 3 - 10 people meet with one legislator in a home or coffee shop allows for great discussion. We are able to share our stories of vaccine injury, and the scientific concerns about the safety of vaccines.

<u>Picnic</u>

When: Saturday, July 25, at 3-5p

Where: Lauderdale City Park, 1885 Fulham Street, 55113 (Day park and shelter located at the NW corner of the park. Parking along Pleasant St (off of Roselawn Ave.) is closest.

Why: To get to know other folks who care about parental choice in vaccines, share the strategy plans made at the Strategy Planning Session on July 16 and discuss ways to get involved.

California passes legislation removing exemptions

As you may have heard, two years ago, California passed a bill similar to the one proposed in MN this year, to require parents to get "education" from a doctor on CDC vaccine principles, before they were allowed to utilize their personal belief exemption for their child (AB 2109). This year, a draconian bill to completely remove their personal belief and religious exemptions and to only allow for medically necessary exemptions, passed in CA (SB 277).

Minnesotans, we need each one of you to volunteer your energy to stop this kind of bill from passing here. Please come to the planning meeting and/or the picnic and we will launch a great education campaign for our legislators. Truly one of the most satisfying things you can do is to meet with your legislator(s) in a relaxed setting in your own district and share your knowledge - which is very great.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you, NHFA

