

Immunization Advisory Committee
Summary of Minutes
Oct. 17, 2007
Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 N. LaSalle St. Room N502
Chicago, IL

Members Present:

Rashmi Chugh, M.D.
Rita Rossi-Foulkes, M.D, F.A.A
Karen Grush, R.N., M.S.
Nancy Khardori, M.D.
Julia Morita, M.D.

Susanna Roberts, R.N, M.S.N.
Lorraine Schoenstadt, R.N., M.S.
Kathy Swafford, M.D.
Ellen Wolf, R.N, M.P.H.

Others in Attendance:

Brian Bragg, representing IMCHA
Roger Bickel, Freeborn & Peters
Ann Chikahisa, GSK
Jan Daniels, IDPH
Michelle Esquivel, ICAAP
Mike Kast, Sanofi Paste
Mike Kimak, Wyeth

Karyn Lyons, Lake County
Madhu Nappi, IDPH
Cindy Noa, IDPH
Adriana Perz, Merck
Roy Pura, GSK
Scott Seagren, Christian Science Com

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Khardori called the meeting to order and asked for introductions of the committee.

2. Old Business and approval of Minutes

- Dr. Khardori asked the committee if they accepted the minutes. There was a motion made to approve the minutes and Karen Grush seconded it.

3. New Business

A. Legislative Initiatives/Updates

Karen McMahon indicated that in the packets there were copies of Senate Bill 0133, Senate Bill 0937 and House Bill 2242 that were signed into law in August. Karen indicated that she would go through each bill and discuss how the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) responded to each. Senate Bill 0133 is concerned with the Mercury- Free Vaccine Act and it mainly affected the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. IDPH has made it policy that any child under the age of 3 as long as we had an adequate influenza supply would receive a preservative-free product. IDPH has changed the

ordering process with influenza vaccine so that the provider had to indicate how many were under the age of 3. This would enable the IDPH to track vaccine going out to children under 3 years of age. IDPH will be asked to provide a report to the Legislature on how we accomplished this. Karen indicated that we already have an exemption in place for 12 months that we have synchronized both the influenza and the other childhood vaccines. We are still using provider choice through the VFC program. Dr. Morita indicated that she would like to move that this committee make a recommendation to IDPH to pursue exemptions for those vaccines that contain Thimerosal in any amount based on the impact and shortage occurring and the financial implications for providers. Dr. Chugh seconded the motion.

Karen McMahon indicated that the next piece of legislation was House Bill 2242 and it related to the addition of Prevnar for daycare enrollment. This piece of legislation was passed without going through the typical rule making process so there were no public hearings. IDPH is currently incorporating this requirement into the Child Health Examination code 665 and Daycare rule code 695. Dr. Swafford asked if the law impacted children 2 years of age and above. Karen indicated that the change in the Child Health Examination and Daycare rules will address the 3 and 4 year olds. Michelle Esquivel asked if the Prevnar was covered in the VFC program. Karen indicated that it was covered in the VFC program but not the plus portion. For those that are under-insured, they would have to go to a FQHC for the vaccine. Dr. Swafford suggested that the legislators need to be educated about the budget for vaccines before the budget process. Cindy Noa indicated that the committee could do that but not IDPH. Dr. Morita made a recommendation that a one page summary of insufficient funding for VFC Plus program should be developed. Dr. Morita moved that the Committee recommend to IDPH that the (VFC) Plus Program covers all routine childhood vaccines and at a minimum those that are required for schools and daycares.

The last Senate Bill 0937 includes Human Papillomavirus Virus (HPV) education for girls in sixth grade and changes the physical exam from 5th to 6th grade. In the packet also are HPV education materials that were provided to the State Board of Education to be distributed to sixth grade girls. There are also two weekly Superintendent's bulletins that went out from the State Board of Education to all schools. The enforcement of the physical at 6th grade has been deferred until 2008. Michelle Esquivel asked if there was any discussion about changing the Hep B requirement in making it consistent with the change in the physical requirement to 6th grade. Karen McMahon indicated that no the Hepatitis B requirement would not be affected. Dr. Swafford indicated that the biggest issue for her has been the time interval since the last physical. If it hasn't been a year they won't get paid. Karen Grush made a motion that IDPH recommend to the State Board of Education that children who received a 5th grade physical this year be grandfathered in for next year. Dr. Morita seconded the motion. Dr. Swafford motioned that IDPH provide the State Board of Education and Department of Human Services (DHS) the

recommended immunizations to fifth graders this year. Dr. Rita Rossi-Foulkes seconded this motion.

B. Future Rule Change

Karen McMahon indicated that she included in the packet information about Varicella and issues to consider in 2008. It is currently recommended for two doses of Varicella vaccine but our school rules only require one. In relation to Mumps we require one although the vaccine of choice is MMR and our rules only state two doses of measles. We have had mumps outbreaks in our college population. Dr. Morita asked if the rule making process would be the same as the original introduction of the Varicella. Cindy Noa indicated that she and Karen need to take the information from the committee to Legal to see what the process would be.

C. Adult Immunization Presentation Dr. Chugh

- Please see the power point presentation that Dr. Chugh presented at the meeting.

D. Vaccine Update Karen McMahon

There really isn't anything to report that hasn't already been covered in today's discussion. IDPH has been shipping influenza vaccine to the VFC program and making sure they receive a preservative-free product. We have pushed the pre-filled syringes out the doors first to many people since we had a lot of those left last year.

E. Future dates for 2008 meetings

Nancy Khardori asked if we should keep the meetings on Wednesdays and the group agreed that would work. Next years Advisory committee meetings will be March 5, July 16 and October 8, for 2008.

4. Adjourn

- Karen McMahon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cindy Noa seconded it.