Immunization Advisory Committee
Michael A. Bilandic Building Room N502
160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois
October 14, 2009
10:00am-12:00pm
Summary of Minutes

Members Present:

Rashmi Chugh, M.D Karen Grush, M.S Nancy Khardori, M.D Stephen Laker, M.S Rita Rossi-Foulkes, M.D, F.A.A.P Kathy Swafford, M.D Tina Q.Tan, M.D Ellen Wolff, R.N.M.P.H

Others in Attendance:

Sydney Barney NEIS Ravi Baichwal, ABC News Roger Bickel, Freeborn & Peters LLP Mark Hertu, Merck Paula Jimenez, Sanofi Pasteur Mike Kimak, Wyeth Judy King Lisa Kritz, Chicago Area Immunization Campaign Marty Matthews, Merck Eve Mitchell, Merck Barbara A. Mullarkey, IVAC Madhu Nappi, IDPH Leroy Nutter, Nutter Consulting Inc. Dave Nuedere, Merck Joe Ramos, IDPH Carley Senescu, UIC school of Public Health Dr. Ken Soyemi, IDPH Bill Spurlock, Sanofi Pasteur

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 called for a motion for approval of the minutes. Dr. Tina Tan made the first motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Kathy Swafford seconded the motion.

3. New Business

Legislative Rule Update: Joe Ramos provided the update in Karen McMahon's absence. Joe indicated that there were not any legislative updates. He indicated that the proposal to move forward on the Tdap requirement for the sixth grade has not been responded to by the Director. A "white paper" was submitted to him after the last advisory committee meeting.

The Illinois Department of Public Health did issue an exemption on the Mercury-Free Vaccine Act in response to the vaccines that will be available through the H1N1 pandemic and a copy is in the packet.

H1N1 and seasonal flu Update: Joe Ramos indicated that the state (excluding the city of Chicago) has received 57,000 doses of LAIV of H1N1 and are trying to get those out as quickly as possible. The three formulations that eventually will be available include flu mist, multi dose and prefilled syringes. The prefilled syringes are in limited supply right now. As of October 9 all states and the District of Columbia have placed orders of vaccines and more are expected daily. The initial dose of H1N1 is expected to be shipped beginning the week of October 12. The ship to sites for the

Springfield project has increased from 2,783 to 4,747. Joe Ramos indicated that the seasonal and the H1N1 campaign are running two fold. The state does not distribute seasonal with the exception of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program but we do understand there is currently a shortage of the seasonal flu. The first allocation of H1N1 will be sent to Local Health Departments and hospitals. Once the Local health departments and hospitals are filled we will begin to ship to private providers.

Janet Larson indicated that each provider needed to fill out a provider agreement an H1N1 order form and an e-mail address in order to receive the vaccine. Preregistration was extended to September 24, 2009. Weekly conference calls have been set up by IDPH for local health department's hospitals and EMT people to keep them abreast of current communication regarding H1N1. The federal government has purchased all of the H1N1 vaccine so if any of the providers would like the vaccine they have to go through IDPH. A third party McKesson will be distributing the vaccine as they do for all VFC vaccine. Karen Grush asked how much of the injectable vaccine has been allocated. Joe Ramos indicated that IDPH could expect 57, 000 does of the nasal spray but didn't know how much of the other formulations of vaccine we would get.

Steve Laker indicated that Illinois will only get a fraction of the 5.3 million doses that will be available nationally. Janet Larson indicated that we are at the mercy of CDC producing the vaccine and getting it to IDPH. CDC has to get through the clinical trials and there are several groups of clinical trials before the vaccine can be released. Steve Laker indicated that it didn't help to see the national news talking and showing people getting the H1N1 vaccine at all hours of the day. Karen Grush wanted to compliment the immunization program at the state for the great job that they have been doing with this initiative. The weekly conference calls have been very helpful to the local health departments! Joe Ramos also wanted to thank the local health departments as it was a true partnership.

Dr. Kenneth Soyemi: Power Point presentation on H1N1 attached

- 4. **Open comment:** Barbara Mullarkey asked the following questions concerning swine flu vaccine 1. Are you encouraging Illinois people to read the swine flu vaccine package insert before getting the shot? 2. If not are you mandating providers to tell patients the contents of this package insert? 3. Why are pregnant women in the priority group for receiving swine flu vaccine and told that the vaccine is safe?
- **5. Future Topics:** Dr. Khardori asked the committee how many meeting they would like to have in 2010. She indicated that we had three in 2009 in March, July and October. Dr. Tan indicated that she would like the committee to meet three times in 2010. Dr. Khardori asked for future topics from the committee. Future topics included Tdap language and where we are with that, swine flu update, Health Care Personnel vaccination, second dose Varicella update, and ICARE update.
- **6. Adjourn:** Dr. Tan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Rossi-Foulkes seconded the motion to adjourn.