

Immunization Advisory Committee
Micahel A. Bilandic Building Room N502
160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois
March 24, 2010
10:00am-12:00pm
Summary of Minutes

Members Present:

Rashmi Chugh, M.D
Robyn Gabel, M.S.P.H, M.J
Karen Grush, M.S
Nancy Khardori, M.D
Julie Morita, M.D
Susanna Roberts, R.N, M.S.N
Margaret Saunders, M.S, RD
Kathy Swafford, M.D
Tina Q. Tan, M.D
Dennis Vickers, M.D, MPH
Ellen Wolff, R.N., M.P.H

Others in Attendance:

Diane Bierman, Novartis
Annie Boesen, ICAAP
Winnie Hatten, Merck
Paula Jimenez, Sanofi Pasteur
Mike Kimak, Pfizer
Lisa Kritz, Chgo Area Imm Campaign
Janet L. Larson, IDPH
Dennis Majeskie, Pfizer
Martin Matthews, Merck
Karen McMahon, IDPH
Kera Nadler, Merck
Dave Nardon, Merck
Madhu Nappi, IDPH
Teri Nicholson, IDPH
Roy Pura, Glaxo, Smith , Kline
LaShon Reese, IDHS
Deborah Sabusawa, IVAC
Jeanine Solinski, ICAPP
Andrew Zalski, MD, Pfizer

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. The minutes were approved as written.

3. New Business

Legislative Rule Update: Karen McMahon provided the legislative update with the discussion related to incorporating routine use of Tdap vaccine into the current Td requirement and to also align the requirement with the current 6th grade physical examination requirement. A position paper detailing this was submitted to IDPH Director, Dr. Damon Arnold. However, H1N1 response activities took precedence in fall 2009 resulting in no decision at that time from the DO. The Office of Health Protection has now assumed responsibility for working with the DO to finalize its response. The Division of Legal Services will also determine whether this change requires the full process of review that includes three public hearings as part of the rule making process or if this is considered a grammatical change.

Discussion related to the potential rules change to add the recommended second dose of varicella included the primary barrier from the first dose requirement: financing. The Department has included varicella vaccine distribution for both doses in its plans for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds it has received. The local health departments were selected as the focus for implementation of ARRA activities. Also included in the ARRA plans are the following: meningococcal vaccine (MCV4), Tdap, MMR and Hep B vaccines for health department employees and Tdap vaccine for new moms that are seeking services through WIC clinics at health departments.

There has been one immunization related bill introduced this session specific to establishing school-based vaccination clinics. The Department opposed this bill for logistical and cost reasons. In addition, schools already have the ability to implement these activities without legislation. The bill proposal has been dropped and the bill proponents and Department staff are developing language to address the initiative through a Senate resolution instead that endorses the concept.

ICARE Update: Teri Nicholson provided the ICARE update please see attachment. Discussion included questions related to school participation in ICARE.. Teri explained that 221 schools are enrolled in ICARE and these are non-Chicago schools. A separate initiative to address Chicago schools is underway. The Illinois Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) has helped to promote ICARE as well as the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition. Dr. Morita asked that we find out what the denominator is in terms of the number of schools in Illinois. Dr. Swafford indicated that there have been regional IT meetings and asked if anyone from IDPH has attended. Karen McMahon indicated that she didn't know but would check into it. Robyn Gabel made a motion that IDPH have a representation at every IT regional meeting. Susanna Roberts seconded the motion. Robyn Gabel asked if ICARE was HL7 compatible and Teri indicated that it was. Robyn indicated that the reason ICAAP didn't endorse ICARE to be mandated is because it was not HL7 compatible and now that it was it might be time to look into making it mandated.

H1N1 update: Karen McMahon provided the H1N1 presentation. (See attached)

ACIP Update: Dr. Morita indicated that she did not attend the ACIP meeting but did view the webcast. The HPV vaccines in women age 27 to 45 is being reviewed by the ACIP, so there will likely be a vote in June of this year to make a recommendation. The major recommendation change is the pneumococcal vaccine 13- valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, PCV 13 was licensed the date of the meeting and also recommended. The VFC resolution was also passed so all those people are eligible to receive it through the VFC program. Dr. Morita indicated it was her understanding that manufacturer's are going to accept returns of PCV 7 through the end of the year. Once PCV 13 comes out people should start using it right away. The ACIP voted unanimously to change the influenza vaccine to include all adults 18 years of age and older regardless of underlying health conditions starting this fall. There is also a new meningococcal conjugate vaccine that is available called Menveo. Novartis has a Menveo license in the U.S for use for people 11 to 55 years of age, so that vaccine is now licensed and approved and will be available through the VFC program.

Dr. Morita also mentioned that there is a fairly large outbreak of mumps going on in New Jersey and New York predominantly in the Hasidic Jewish community. CDC sent out communication reminding people traveling there for the Passover holiday to make sure children were up to date with immunizations.

4. **Open comment:** Margaret Saunders wanted to share information about Text 4 Baby which is a public health campaign at the national level. This program provides free supportive text message to mothers, pregnant women, and to children up to one year of age. The mom texts her due date in and she will receive three to four message a week. It is available in English and Spanish and is a free service. Topics to be covered critical to maternal and child health include immunization ,nutrition ,seasonal flu, prenatal care ,drugs and alcohol, breast feeding as well as a variety of topics. Dr. Morita asked if it send reminders for Immunizations and Margaret indicated that it did.
5. **Future topics:** Dr. Chugh asked if IDPH Immunization Section staff would be able to provide a brief report, at least annually, that includes vaccination coverage levels by age group in Illinois—at least statewide levels, and if possible, by county—for at least the most recent year available, and if possible for the 4 preceding years. Such reports and presentations would improve understanding and context for IAC members, by increasing awareness in areas of increased challenges, which may help to inform our priorities and discussion. It would also be informative to have occasional updates and brief overviews of disease activity of vaccine-preventable diseases, particularly of the diseases with lower coverage levels.

Karen McMahon indicated that Dr. Daum was in Turkey at an international vaccine conference and has asked him to do a presentation at the July 21 meeting.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was moved to adjourn and seconded.