

MEETING TITLE: Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

DATE: April 16, 2015

LOCATION: SeaTac Conference Center

Facilitator/Chair:

Kathy Lofy Washington State Department of Health

Members Attending:

Jenny Arnold
James Chattra
Vikki Davis
John Dunn
Peggy Jo Eaton
Linda Eckhart
Lauren Greenfield
(for Jeff Duchin)
Beth Harvey
Lisa Humphrey
Lisa Johnson
Mary Alison Koehnke
Ed Marcuse
Amy Person
Kristi Rice
Tara Tumulty
Susan Westerlund
Rachel Wood

Representing:

Washington State Pharmacy Association
WA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
Group Health Cooperative
American College of Physicians
Consultant

Public Health Seattle King County
Consultant
Health Care Authority
Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Consultant
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
American Academy of Pediatrics, WA Chapter
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials

Washington State Department of Health Staff:

Chas DeBolt Washington State Department of Health
Jan Hicks-Thomson Washington State Department of Health
Mary Huynh Washington State Department of Health
Scott Lindquist Washington State Department of Health
Danny O'Neill Washington State Department of Health
Michele Roberts Washington State Department of Health

Guest:

Hanna Oltean Washington State Department of Health
Paul Throne Washington State Department of Health

Recorder:
Nicole Avelar

Washington State Department of Health

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<p><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Changes to Agenda</u> <i>Michele Roberts/Kathy Lofy</i></p> <p><i>Introductions</i></p> <p><i>New Members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Susan Westerlund, WAFP -Susan Westerlund represents the Washington Academy of Family Physicians. Since receiving her Medical Doctorate from the University of Washington, Susan has been practicing medicine for over 30 years. Susan has served on several state boards and committees during her career, including the Washington State Vaccine Committee, which predated VAC by over five years. Susan’s continued commitment to and historical knowledge of public health practices will provide important insight to the issues and questions VAC discusses. ➤ Tara Tumulty, NAPNAP- Tara Tumulty comes to the VAC with a wealth of experience as a nurse practitioner, most recently with Healthy Future Pediatrics in Olympia. Representing the National Association Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Tara is excited to share her experience and perspective as a pediatric nurse with the VAC. Tara holds a Master of Science and Nursing degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts and has worked in the medical field since 2004. <p>New Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mary Huynh- CDC Senior Public Health Advisor - Mary holds an MPH/MPP dual degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. In 2005, Mary joined the CDC Public Health Prevention Service as a Fellow and was assigned to the Virginia Department of Health serving under the State Epidemiologist. In 2008, she continued work at CDC for the Vaccines for Children Program and AFIX immunization quality improvement process. Mary spent the last few years as a Public Health Advisor assigned to the Immunization Programs in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands of Guam, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands before coming to Washington State. ➤ Joanna Eavey-Assessment Coordinator - Joanna “Joey” Eavey, our new Assessment Coordinator, comes to us from New York with over 10 years’ experience in public health data management and analysis. After receiving her BS from Western Washington University, she spent three years as a US Peace Corps volunteer in rural Niger, West Africa. She graduated from 	<p>All welcomed</p>

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<p>Tulane University with an MSPH and worked with the Louisiana Office of Public Health for three years. From there, she moved to New York and worked at the NYC DOHMH for six years, first with the HIV/AIDS program and then with the Bureau of Immunization. Recently, Joey moved back to Washington and is excited to be part of the OICP team. Her focus is on data standardization and routinizing data analysis and timely, useful release of immunization data to stakeholders in order to support increasing immunization coverage in Washington.</p> <p>Michele Roberts shared that VAC is still down two members and we are close to filling those seats. They are from American Indian Health Commission of Washington and one more member from the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials.</p> <p><u>Guests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paul Throne-DOH ➤ Hanna Oltean-DOH 	
<p><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u> <i>Daniel O'Neill</i></p>	None declared
<p><u>Updates/Request -</u> <i>Michele Roberts</i></p> <p>Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Washington State Legislative Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 2009 – Elimination of “philosophical objection” exemption - Did not pass out of the House. Stakeholders and legislators want to work on this over the interim; we plan on discussing this at the July VAC meeting. ▪ SB 5143 – Distribution of vaccine immunization to expectant parents and their families. Passed out of the Senate as written, did not pass out of the House. ▪ SB 5557 – Requires health plans to reimburse pharmacists for providing certain services, including vaccines, was amended for clarification and has passed out of committee. • Changes to Child Profile and IIS Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We’re busy working closely with PHSKC transitioning the Immunization Information System (IIS) and Child Profile Health 	

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<p>Promotion work to the Department of Health. We are on track to end the contract on June 30, 2015. The IIS Help Desk phone number transitioned unexpectedly the week of April 6. We are working through some bumps, and we ask for patience and feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink Book Conference – September 15th through 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A reminder to sign up for the conference. • CDC Childhood Immunization Champion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement of winner – Kathy Hennessey, parent advocate with Vax Northwest. <p>Presentations and handouts available here.</p> <p><u>Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Update</u> <i>Chas DeBolt</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meningococcal B – Updates on the meningococcal outbreak at the University of Oregon ➤ Measles – Review of 2015 measles cases in Washington ➤ Pertussis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on the current outbreak of pertussis in Washington, including detection and vaccination efforts. <p>Presentations and handouts available here.</p>	<p><u>The group brainstormed about the following:</u></p> <p>Chas DeBolt: We are doing some planning to see how maternal Tdap rates can be measured. Please let us know if you could partner with us on this. We are starting to ask if Mom had a Tdap while pregnant during case investigation.</p> <p>Nicole Avelar to share the health care letter on pertussis with the VAC.</p> <p>Kathy Lofy: One of our most important strategies is to get pregnant mothers vaccinated. We're working hard to get this message out. We have now added this question to the PRAMS to get the data on this across the state.</p> <p>Jenny Arnold: There have been lots of comments from the public that the outreach about pertussis in the past was late.</p> <p>Peggy Jo Eaton: Are we recommending revaccination for older adults who may be around babies?</p> <p>Kathy Lofy: This was discussed at ACIP, and</p>

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<p><u>Meningococcal B Vaccine Recommendations (Working Lunch)</u> <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson, Kathy Lofy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAC should wait to vote on the ACIP recommendations for meningococcal B vaccines until ACIP formalizes their recommendation. • Summary of ACIP discussion: Meningococcal B vaccine recommended for individuals 10 years of age and older who meet specific high risk criteria: persistent complement component deficiencies; anatomic or functional asplenia; microbiologists 	<p>they decided that it was most important to target pregnant women, because that provides the best protection for babies.</p> <p>Ed Marcuse: I would hope that we can target people with vaccine hesitancy. This is a complicated message – people who have been vaccinated get disease. Pregnant women need to be vaccinated because infants are at the highest risk. This message needs to be clear.</p> <p>Scott Lindquist: Do we push this vaccine at 6 weeks for infants of mothers who didn't receive the vaccine while pregnant?</p> <p>James Chattra: Can we collect maternal vaccination data on this vaccine in the child's records in the IIS? This would be an efficient way to collect and share the data. Maybe just add this field.</p> <p>Michele Roberts: DOH will look into this further.</p> <p>Other suggestions for outreach to pregnant women regarding Tdap vaccination included nurse-family partnerships and First Steps.</p> <p>We will vote via email on this recommendation upon ACIP formalizing their recommendation. Danny O'Neill will send this out to VAC members.</p>

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<p>routinely exposed to N. meningitis; individuals in areas experiencing a serogroup B outbreak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine supply and distribution strategy: Nationally about 30,000 doses of meningococcal b vaccine will be available. Washington’s annual allocation is expected to be about 300 – 500 doses. We will work with LHJs and providers to make the vaccine available as a “special order vaccine,” for patients meeting the risk criteria. • What else should be considered? <p>Presentations and handouts available here.</p> <p>HPV Vaccine Update <i>Kathy Lofy, Jan Hicks-Thomson</i></p> <p>➤ Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan discussed the most recent HPV vaccine recommendations from ACIP, which recommends HPV 9 as one of three HPV vaccines that can be used for routine vaccination. • Summary of ACIP recommendation: HPV 9 vaccine is routinely recommended for males and females at age 11 – 12. Vaccination is also recommended for females age 13 through 26 and males 13 through 21 who have not been previously been vaccinated or who have not completed the series. Vaccination for females is recommended with HPV 2, HPV 4, or HPV 9. Vaccination for males is recommended with HPV 4 or HPV 9. • Vaccine supply and distribution strategy: In April, we limited HPV4 vaccine ordering to cases where providers were at risk of having no HPV4 vaccine on hand for patients. We are allowing providers to order 116% of their usual vaccine order amount for the month of May to allow for slow build up of safety stock while meeting patient demand. We are not allowing off-schedule orders for HPV9, and we are asking providers to follow ACIP recommendations regarding use of HPV vaccine inventory during this transition. We hope these measures will limit waste, while assuring HPV vaccine is available when patients present for vaccination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should ACIP recommendations be accepted as written? • What else should be considered? • Vote <p>Presentations and handouts available here.</p>	<p>No concerns from VAC members.</p> <p>Vote to adopt recommendation: Motion: Rachel Wood Second: Lisa Johnson All: Yes</p>

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<p><u>HPV Provider Response to HPV</u> <i>Hanna Oltean, Paul Throne</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paul provided information related to the HPV Grant. ➤ Paul discuss the centralized reminder/recall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning in May, 11 – 18 years old across the state may receive a postcard from DOH stating “HPV vaccination is cancer prevention.” The postcard asks them to call their health care provider to make sure their children’s vaccines are up to date. ➤ Hanna presented an assessment of provider survey data related to provider recommendation practices and perceived barriers to administering HPV vaccine. The data indicates that nearly 30% of providers reported not always recommending HPV vaccination to eligible 11-12 patients, that perceived parental concerns were a barrier to entry, that nearly 60% of providers discuss HPV vaccine in the context of sexual initiation, and that 20% of providers do not strongly emphasize prevention of HPV related cancer. <p>Presentations and handouts available here.</p>	<p>HPV Reminder Recall: Test mailings going out in May. Full rollout starting later in May if the test mailings are successful. The project will continue through September.</p> <p>HPV Provider education: Online available now. Live training will be offered at the Pink Book conference in September.</p> <p>Lisa Johnson: Is there a plan to share the survey results information to the health care providers who responded?</p> <p>Hanna Oltean: Yes we will</p> <p>Lisa Johnson: Will we be wasting current HPV4 vaccines?</p> <p>Jan Hicks-Thomson: We expect some waste of HPV4. Doctors will move quickly to HPV9.</p>
<p><u>Input 2015 Meetings</u> <i>Kathy Lofy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School immunization requirements, 2014-15 school year data, future policy work, NIS data 	<p>July meeting:</p> <p>Ed Marcuse: Need to be sure to define our goals for school immunization coverage because that will impact policy direction.</p> <p>Mary Koehnke: We should review school</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Eckhart missed the pertussis discussion, and Michele asked her to share her thoughts on vaccinating pregnant women with Tdap. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda recommended: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating a strong demand among pregnant women; 2. Reaching out to mid-level providers like midwives, who tend to have lower rates; 3. Great information on how to set up immunization in OB/GYN practices from ACOG, along with patient and provider resources are available at www.immunizationforwomen.org • 2015-16 Influenza season and vaccination recommendations – We asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to work on updating VAC flu recommendations before the next meeting. 	<p>requirements to possibly come up with a check list for schools and health care providers.</p> <p>Tara Tumulty: New exemption form where the parent must initial a check list detailing health risks, and school exclusion.</p> <p>Michele Roberts: This is in the new certificate of exemption form, which is located at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-106_CertificateofExemption.pdf</p> <p>Beth Harvey: I would like to see DOH support increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rate.</p> <p>Ed Marcuse: Concern about impact from low reimbursement rates on access and how this contributes to missed opportunities.</p> <p>Jenny Arnold: It might be useful to invite someone from the nursing association to discuss the documentation of missing vaccinations.</p> <p>Peggy Jo Eaton, Tara Tumulty, Kristi Rice, Jenny Arnold, James Chattra, and John Dunn volunteered. Janet Englund and Jeff Duchin were suggested as additional participants.</p>

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<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>	<p>Cindy Smith from Tacoma Pierce County Health Department: Thank you VAC for the robust discussion on the Tdap. This is something that our local health department is working on. The coalition is also reaching out to non-VFC providers to engage them around a strong recommendation to vaccinate.</p> <p>Sara Jaye Sanford from Within Reach introduced Jessica Broz, who is new to the WithinReach Immunization Team.</p>
<p><i><u>2015 Meetings are at the SeaTac Conference Center From 11:00-2:00 PM</u></i> <i>July 16, 2015</i> <i>October 15,2015</i></p>	