

**MEETING TITLE:** Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

**DATE:** October 15, 2015

**LOCATION:** SeaTac Conference Center

**Facilitator/Chair:**

Kathy Lofy Washington State Department of Health

**Members Attending:**

James Chattra	Representing:	WA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
John Dunn		Group Health Cooperative
Linda Eckhart		Consultant
Beth Harvey		Consultant
Peggy Jo Eaton		American College of Physicians
Lisa Humphrey		Health Care Authority
Lisa Johnson		Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Mary Alison Koehnke		Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Ed Marcuse		Consultant
Libby Paige (for Jeff Duchin)		Public Health-Seattle & King County
Amy Person		Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
Charron Plumer		Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Kristi Rice		Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Tara Tumulty		National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Susan Westerlund		Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Rachel Wood		Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials

**On Phone:**

Vikki Davis Walla Walla County Department of Community Health

**Washington State Department of Health Staff:**

Linda Barnhart	Washington State Department of Health
Chas DeBolt	Washington State Department of Health
Jan Hicks-Thomson	Washington State Department of Health
Mary Huynh	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/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:**

Joey Eavey	Washington State Department of Health
Trang Kuss	Washington State Department of Health

**Recorder:**  
Vanessa Mojica

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<p><b><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Changes to Agenda</u></b>  <i>Michele Roberts/Kathy Lofy</i></p> <p><b><u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Guests</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joey Eavey- Department of Health</li> <li>• Trang Kuss-Department of Health</li> </ul>	<p><b>All welcomed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u></b>  <i>Danny O’Neill</i></p>	<p><b>None Declared</b></p>
<p><b><u>Updates/Request</u></b>  <i>Michele Roberts</i></p> <p><b>Program Updates</b></p> <p>II. Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See written handouts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Legislative and Budget Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OICP is currently working with various policy and stakeholder groups and the State Board of Health to determine where our collective efforts should be focused in the coming session. The 2016 legislative session is a short session, where all bills submitted in 2015 may be re-submitted for consideration. Bills that may be re-introduced include exemption legislation, influenza vaccination requirements for foster care licensure, and the promotion of existing DOH vaccination materials for expectant parents. Session begins Monday, January 11, 2016. We have a budget proposal around the IIS school module that we’ll talk about later in the meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A Technical Advisory Group has been established by the State Board of Health and will convene on December 8th to discuss the possibility of requiring Meningococcal conjugate vaccine for school entry. This group ultimately makes a recommendation to the State Board of Health about whether to start the rulemaking process, which takes 12 months. The TAG does not have the final say on if this is a recommendation.</p>	



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<p><b><u>Review of Immunization Rates by Data Source</u></b>  <i>Joey Eavey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>NIS data – toddlers, teens</i></li> <li>• <i>School data review</i></li> <li>• <i>Plan for improving childcare data</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Joey reviewed data that are available on DOH's website:  Data sources accessed on 10/15/15</i>  <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-526-NationalImmunizationData.pdf">http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-526-NationalImmunizationData.pdf</a>   <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthBehaviors/Immunization/ImmunizationInformationSystem">http://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthBehaviors/Immunization/ImmunizationInformationSystem</a></p> <p><b><u>Discussion point – What does VAC think are the immunization strategy priorities?</u></b>  <i>Kathy Lofy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Based on this data, what seems like the most important</i></li> </ul>	<p>committee. The meeting should include information on disease incidence, vaccine trials, vaccine safety, duration of protection, how to discuss the vaccine with patients, and a review of the ACIP recommendation.</p> <p>The following VAC members volunteered for the committee: Chas DeBolt, Mary Allison Koenkhe, Rachel Wood, Ed Marcuse, James Chattra, John Dunn, and Tara Tumulty.</p> <p>VAC members asked if Washington is in the lower third of just one vaccine (MMR), or on all vaccines. Joey answered that states are assessed on a case-by-case basis for kindergarten data, based on what vaccines are required in the state. DOH looks at MMR and varicella because these are the vaccines that are required by all states. Washington State ranks 45<sup>th</sup> of 50 for MMR coverage, 41<sup>st</sup> of 49 for DTaP coverage, and 38<sup>th</sup> of 40 for 2-dose Varicella coverage. (Denominators vary because not all state submitted data for all vaccines.)</p> <p>Joey explained that Washington is currently in the Bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> for MMR, below 95% for all vaccines. This is true for both the kindergarten and the NIS data.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The importance of consistency in messaging (DOH's HPV efforts were cited as an example).</li> <li>-Developing more specific data to determine why</li> </ul>

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<p><i>priorities?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the opportunities?</i></li> <li>• <i>The challenges?</i></li> <li>• <i>Are there certain diseases or target populations we should focus on?</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>School Immunization Policy Discussion</u></b>  <i>Daniel O’Neill Michele Roberts Trang Kuss</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>2016 legislative priorities and potential introductions</i></li> <li>• <i>Short term policy plans</i></li> <li>• <i>Follow-up with Representative Robinson and stakeholders regarding potential legislation strategies</i></li> <li>• <i>Budget Request IIS School Module and Immunization Validation Tool</i></li> </ul>	<p>people in Washington aren’t vaccinated, and whether the reason is access to care or philosophical.</p> <p>-Increased focus on missed opportunities. This may be easier to address than vaccine hesitancy and access. There was a lot of member support for this idea.</p> <p>-Measles outbreak prevention, focusing on international travelers.</p> <p>-Focus on diseases that have secondary cases, such as measles, flu and pertussis.</p> <p>-Reporting missing vaccine school records. Is there a way to enforce school requirements? How can we engage school administrators? How do we balance this priority with school attendance?</p> <p>-Should the Decision Package for the school module not get funded, exploring private/public partnerships for funding instead.</p> <p>-Focusing on evidence-based tools that help improve provider recognition of the need to vaccinate.</p> <p>-Increased support to clinics to review and use their immunization data. There was a lot of member support for this idea.</p> <p>Kathy Lofy shared that the agency just received a new grant for practice transformation in pediatric practices and immunization is a performance measure. Planning is just getting underway for this grant.</p> <p>One member asked why exemption fees are not on the list to be considered. The pros and cons should be explored.</p> <p>Members discussed the renewal of exemptions, and how this could be a good place to start. One member discussed the points in time at which new paperwork is submitted, such as switching schools.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>School Module Demo</i></li> <li>• <i>Long term school immunization policy options</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion: What is the VAC consensus about what is the best policy approach around exemptions?</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion: Any other policy issues we need to continue to consider?</i></li> </ul>	<p>One member asked if the department has the authority to create an exemption renewal. The department does not have this authority. This may be able to be addressed as rulemaking, but might require legislative activity.</p> <p>A member suggested other steps to exemption be considered, including public health approval.</p> <p>One member was adamantly opposed to eliminating all personal belief exemptions. There needs to be a balance between protection and choice.</p> <p>One member discussed respect for parent choice to vaccinate and reasons for refusal.</p> <p>One member discussed conditional status, and the need for flexibility and not to punish parents if they are unable to immediately comply with school immunization requirements.</p> <p>Some members supported addressing adolescent consent.</p>
<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p>	<p>No comments</p>
<p><b><u>Meeting QA</u></b> Kathy asked for input on how the meeting went</p>	<p>Members liked the opportunity for discussion, the information presented on the Decision Package, the opportunity to discuss long-term vision, and they liked the graphs and data, requesting their presence on the web.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Agenda Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Possible Agenda Items:</u></b> Missed vaccine opportunities, influenza, Meningococcal B follow up, IIS overview and data reports, and school work follow-up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>2016 Meeting are at the SeaTac Conference Center From 11:00-2:00 PM</u></i> <b><i>January 21, 2016</i></b></p>	