

MEETING TITLE: Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2016

LOCATION: SeaTac Conference Center

Facilitator/Chair:

Kathy Lofy Washington State Department of Health

Members Attending:

Jenny Arnold
Holly Blanton
James Chattra
Jeff Duchin
John Dunn
Peggy Jo Eaton
Robin Fleming
Lisa Johnson
Mary Alison Koehnke
Ed Marcuse
Amy Person
Charron Plumer
Kristi Rice
Tara Tumulty
Susan Westerlund
Rachel Wood

Representing:

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S'Kallam Health Clinic
Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Public Health-Seattle & King County
Group Health Cooperative
American College of Physicians
Health Services Program Administrator
Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians
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Washington Academy of Family Physicians
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Danny O'Neill Washington State Department of Health
Michele Roberts Washington State Department of Health
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Guests:

Joey Eavey Washington State Department of Health
Mary Franzen Qualis Health

Vivian Hawkins

Washington State Department of Health

Recorder:

Vanessa Mojica

Washington State Department of Health

Discussion and Recommendations	Input, Decisions and Follow-Up
<p><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Changes to Agenda</u> <i>Kathy Lofy/Michele Roberts</i></p> <p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p><u>Guests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joey Eavey- Department of Health • Trang Kuss-Department of Health • Vivian Hawkins • Mary Franzen 	<p>All welcomed</p>
<p><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u> <i>Danny O’Neill</i></p>	<p>None Declared</p>
<p><u>Program Updates</u> <i>Michele Roberts</i></p> <p><u>Legislative Update:</u></p> <p>Session began Monday, January 11, 2016. The 2016 legislative session is a short session, where all bills submitted in 2015 may be re-submitted for consideration. Short sessions are 60 days long, but have been extended in recent years. OICP has a budget proposal concerning the IIS school module that has been included in the Governor’s proposed budget. The VAC will be updated as budget negotiations continue between the Governor, the House and the Senate.</p> <p>OICP is not expecting any new legislation, but that can always change. Senator Becker may reintroduce her immunization education bill, but that hasn’t happened yet. This is the bill that Sen. Becker first filed in 2013 and is about ensuring that the Department of Health provides immunization education materials to expectant parents.</p> <p>As for other immunization policy, our partners agree that the focus for this session is on the immunization budget request to support the school module.</p>	

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<p>OICP has been granted temporary delegation of rulemaking from the State Board of Health to update the rule that points to ACIP recommendations. The proposal requests delegation to update the ACIP publication year only.</p> <p><u>Program updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Immunization and Child Profile recognized for two awards from CDC • DOH request for funding for school module made it in the governor’s budget • Bill introduced around reimbursement rate for Medicaid • We would like feedback on the immunization score card- would like to hear feedback in 3 weeks <p>Staffing change- Daniel O’Neill will be starting a new position at DOH on February 1st. Thanks to Danny for his hard work – we will miss him!</p> <p><u>SBOH Technical Advisory Group – Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine</u> <i>Kristi Rice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Debrief</i> <p>Kristi Rice provided an overview of the results of the Technical Advisory Group convened on December 8th by the State Board of Health to discuss the possibility of requiring Meningococcal conjugate vaccine for school entry. The Board has tabled their decision until their meeting on March 13th so that they may have additional time to consider the recommendation.</p>	<p>Meningococcal Conjugate: Several members stated that they were comfortable with the decision made by the TAG to not include meningococcal conjugate vaccine in the school requirements. VAC members also supported SBOH taking their time with their decision as there are other factors to consider in addition to the TAG’s input. Members discussed how the criteria for including a vaccine as a school requirement don’t necessarily address transmissibility in school settings, which should be a core focus.</p> <p>MOTION by Ed Marcuse, to recommend to the State Board of Health to do a comprehensive review of the criteria and to</p>

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<p><u>Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CD/Epi) Update</u> <i>Vivian Hawkins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance Methodology and Issues • Rates, Trends and Comparisons • Avian Flu Update • Discussion <p><u>Vaccine Update</u> <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson</i> <i>See presentation on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentacel allocation • Influenza • Meningococcal B 	<p>add a criterion on school transmissibility.</p> <p>MOTION SECONDED, by Lisa Johnson</p> <p>CD/Epi Update Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How bird flu is transmitted from wild birds. • The usefulness of the Flu Surveillance Report • The circumstances surrounding a recent child death related to the flu (history, virus strain, treatment). DOH has offered to assist with media support to encourage people to get flu shots, and welcomes input. A mid-season press release is in process. Multilingual flu materials can assist in messaging, and they are available from the Immunization Action Coalition. <p><u>Vaccine Update:</u> Members asked for the reason for the Pentacel shortage. No reason has been given to DOH. DOH provides e-mail updates to partners about the supply. Members discussed the current flu vaccine supply, challenges with access to multidose vial flu vaccine, and issues affecting provider use of broadly available FluMist. DOH will share messages about FluMist use, importance of flu vaccination throughout season, through regular partner communications.</p>

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	<p>for adults. The members suggested that DOH have a narrow focus for adult immunization work. DOH should examine the risks of disease, disease burden and affected populations when determining a focus for adult immunization.</p> <p><u>Qualis Health</u> Mary Franzen from Qualis Health discussed a CMS project focusing on quality improvement work with 50 to 60 Medicare providers to improve quality measures for adult immunizations. They will publish their quality improvement data once it has been aggregated. They will process their information and present to the VAC at a future meeting.</p>
<u>Public Comment</u>	No comments
<u>Meeting QA</u> Kathy asked for input on how the meeting went	
<p><i><u>2016 Meetings are at the SeaTac Conference Center From 11:00-2:00 PM. The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2016.</u></i></p>	