

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

**DATE:** April 21, 2016

**LOCATION:** SeaTac Conference Center

**Facilitator/Chair:**

Kathy Lofy Washington State Department of Health

**Members Attending:**

Holly Blanton  
James Chattra  
John Dunn  
Peggy Jo Eaton  
Robin Fleming  
Mary Alison Koehnke  
Ed Marcuse  
Amy Person  
Charron Plumer  
Kristi Rice  
Tara Tumulty  
Susan Westerlund

**Representing:**

S'Kallam Health Clinic  
Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics  
Group Health Cooperative  
American College of Physicians  
Health Services Program Administrator  
Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians  
Consultant  
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials  
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
Washington Academy of Family Physicians

**Washington State Department of Health Staff:**

Chas DeBolt Washington State Department of Health  
Jan Hicks-Thomson Washington State Department of Health  
Scott Lindquist Washington State Department of Health  
Michele Roberts Washington State Department of Health  
Michelle Harper Washington State Department of Health

**Guests:**

Joey Eavey, Assessment Coordinator Washington State Department of Health  
Dannette Dronenburg, IIS Provider Outreach and Training Washington State Department of Health  
Nicole Freeto, IIS Provider Outreach and Training Washington State Department of Health  
Belinda Baker, IIS Section Manager Washington State Department of Health

**Recorder:**

Vanessa Mojica Washington State Department of Health  
Nicole Avelar Washington State Department of Health

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<p><b><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Changes to Agenda</u></b>  <i>Kathy Lofy/Michele Roberts</i></p> <p><b><u>Introductions and Recognition:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to Dr. John Dunn on the <a href="#">Immunization Champion Award!</a></li> <li>• Nicole Avelar, former OICP Office Manager, accepted another position at the Division level.</li> <li>• Vanessa Mojica is filling in as OICP Office Manager.</li> <li>• Michelle Harper is the new Senior Policy Analyst for OICP.</li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<p><b>All welcomed</b>            January 21, 2016 meeting minutes - APPROVED</p>
<p><b><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u></b></p> <p><b><u>VAC Membership</u></b></p>	<p><b>None Declared</b></p> <p><b>Follow up at next meeting and get feedback</b> about VAC purpose and term limits according to the VAC/DOH membership policy.</p>
<p><b><u>Office of Immunization and Child Profile Updates</u></b>  <i>Michele Roberts</i>  <i>Handout provided</i></p> <p><b><u>Legislative Update:</u></b></p> <p>Senator Frockt introduced HPV vaccine related legislation late in regular session that would have required DOH to create an annual report to the legislature on HPV vaccination rates, challenges, and opportunities to increase rates. Senator Frockt is a champion for HPV vaccination – DOH, along with other partners like WithinReach and Group Health, have talked with him about the work going on in Washington to increase rates. He wanted to use the report as an opportunity to generate discussion about the importance of vaccination and challenges to increasing rates. It is possible we'll see similar legislation in future years.</p> <p><b>Funding request for School Module made it into the final state</b></p>	

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<p><b>budget.</b> This invests in an immunization validation tool in the State’s IIS and rolls out the IIS school module statewide. This will help ease some administrative burden on schools so that the focus is more on making sure kids are up to date on required immunizations.</p> <p><b>Senator Becker’s Bill 5143</b> passed during the legislative session. This bill directs the department to make childhood immunization resources available to expectant parents. This is part of the department’s regular work, so nothing new is needed.</p> <p><b><u>Program updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consumer access to immunization records via MyIR</b> – popular service. About 860 people have registered so far.</li> <li>• <b>Plan to release the first annual Kindergarten Report Cards</b> to schools across the state.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Released first annual <a href="#">Washington Immunization Scorecard</a></b> in March. This is intended to provide agency executives, legislators, stakeholders, partners, and the public with a snapshot of Washington’s immunization rates.</li> <li>• <b>HPV grant</b> – staff continue to work with partners to educate providers and the public about the importance of HPV immunization as cancer prevention.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>SBOH Technical Advisory Group (TAG) – Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine</u></b></p>	<p><b>Kindergarten Report Cards:</b> There were over 1600 report cards. They are not currently online but are available on request. <a href="#">School immunization data tables</a> are on the department webpages. They are sortable by county and school district.</p> <p>The department is thinking about doing creating an immunization honor-roll for schools.</p>

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<p><b>SBOH voted to accept the TAG recommendation</b> to NOT require meningococcal conjugate vaccine as a school requirement.</p> <p><b>SBOH voted to review the TAG criteria</b> for inclusion of vaccines required for school and child care entry.</p> <p><b>SBOH denied petitions to change the WAC about conditional status</b> (allows students 30 days after the first day of attendance to start their immunization series). The board encouraged the department to establish a stakeholder workgroup to further examine the issue. We will want VAC input on this issue. Work will likely take place in 2017, after TAG criteria work is finished.</p> <p><b>SBOH delegated authority to DOH to update the WAC immunization requirement rules to point to the 2016 ACIP immunization schedule.</b> This work will be finished this summer.</p> <p><b>Michele Roberts recently presented to the SBOH on <a href="#">immunization activities</a>, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared information about work to improve immunization rates over the lifespan.</li> <li>• Gave an update on the 2015-16 school immunization data and</li> </ul>	<p><b>TAG Criteria Review:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet this fall with SBOH/TAG and DOH.</li> <li>• Work towards getting broader input; will keep you posted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditional Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places an administrative burden on school nurses and staff</li> <li>• Challenging for military and homeless families to get their records (30 day grace would remain for this population)</li> <li>• From the practitioner point of view, the conditional period helps with scheduling.</li> <li>• With patients that are immigrants it decreases the delay to getting them in school</li> <li>• School module will help but more to come on this topic.</li> </ul>

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<p>school module.</p> <p><b><u>Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CD/Epi) Update</u></b>  <i>Chas DeBolt</i>  <i>See presentation on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles in the US (2015 v. 2016) – lower number of cases this year</li> <li>• Pertussis activity in WA (2015 v. 2016) –dropped to 10 year low. One to four year olds make up 27% of cases.</li> <li>• <a href="#">VPD surveillance quick reference guidelines</a> developed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Vaccine Update</u></b>  <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson</i>  <i>See presentation on:</i></p> <p><b>Flu Update:</b> Relatively mild season. Late arrival of Flumist increased demand on the multi-dose flu vaccine. There were some issues with supply and expiration date. About 41,000 doses were wasted last flu season (2014-15). For the 2016-17 flu season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FDA endorsed the WHO-recommended <a href="#">vaccine viruses for the 2016-17 season</a>.</li> <li>• Completed pre-book in late February after surveying providers about preferences (see handout).</li> </ul> <p><b>Pentacel Update:</b> Providers are switching and adjusting their product to meet the demand. There are no changes in recommendations at this time.</p>	<p><b>CD Epi Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of toddlers that are vaccinated on time for pertussis (fourth DTaP) is low in Washington.</li> <li>• The question was raised whether vaccinating toddlers with different brands of DTaP vaccines could result in a less effective immune response.</li> <li>• DOH will follow up to review types of vaccines given to toddlers that developed pertussis.</li> <li>• There’s been a lot of focus on school-age children. We also need to think about focusing our vaccination efforts on younger children (toddler age).</li> </ul>

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<p><b>HPV Update:</b> The state has transitioned fully to 9vHPV. The CDC no longer has 2 or 4 valent HPV vaccine on contract. So far, vaccine distribution is realigned with what we expect for small gains in immunization rate improvement. Prior to launching 9vHPV, we limited the ordering of 4vHPV. In the month of April 2015, providers were not allowed to order 4vHPV unless they were running out of stock. Our goal was to reduce waste. However, some providers transitioned to 9vHPV before they used up their 4vHPV, and some 4vHPV is still in stock. Our question to the VAC:</p> <p><b>Meningococcal B Update:</b> We're tracking ordering and seeing some uptake but generally not a high demand for this vaccine.</p> <p><a href="#">VAC Clinical Guidance on Meningococcal B Vaccine</a> (February 2016)</p> <p><b>Updates on:</b>  <i>Kathy Lofy</i>  <i>Joey Eavey</i></p> <p><b>ACIP Meeting:</b> Topics discussed included the two dose v. three dose HPV vaccine schedule. . In 2014, WHO recommended a two dose series for those starting the series before 15 years of age. Currently no vaccine is FDA approved for a two dose series. There's a trial underway for the two dose series for the 9 valent vaccine. The CDC is monitoring the situation and data from the trial. The CDC is currently not changing their ACIP HPV recommendation</p>	<p><b>Our question to the VAC:</b>  <b>4vHPV vaccine: Should we allow waste or should it be used?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The VAC had mixed opinions about this question.</li> <li>• Some members mentioned using the quadrivalent vaccines for males.</li> <li>• The VAC has no official statement about this topic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Meningococcal B update:</b> Some providers have a small amount on hand. An outbreak may shift the uptake. Most providers are waiting to have the conversation until the child is 18 years.</p> <p><b>Can providers order vaccine for all of their adolescents?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, they can order. DOH will review the request according the provider's order history.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACIP met in February 2016:</b> The spacing is not generally understood. If a two dose series is implemented then the doses will need to be separated by several months to assure immunity. More discussion and education outreach with providers will be needed.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perinatal hepatitis B module</li> <li>• Health Promotion/ MyIR</li>   <li>• Demonstration, immunization rates and how providers can run their own immunization rates</li> <li>• Training options/ assistance</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>tool for schools. This will help reduce administrative burdens on school nurses and staff. Trang Kuss is the state expert.</p> <p>Over 100 people have self-registered for MyIR so far.</p> <p>Currently there is no indicator in the system to note pregnancy status at the time of vaccination. There are a lot of data for children but the system is for adults too. Adult vaccination data is increasing, especially since more pharmacies are entering data.</p>
<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p>	<p><b>NONE DECLARED</b></p>
<p><b><u>Meeting QA</u></b> Kathy asked for input on how the meeting went</p>	<p><b><u>Possible Agenda Items for July Meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Follow up and get feedback</b> about VAC term limits according to the VAC/DOH membership policy</li> <li>• Adult Immunizations</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Possible Agenda Items for October Meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tdap in pregnancy</li> <li>• Details of perinatal Hep B</li> </ul>
<p><i>2016 Meetings are at the SeaTac Conference Center From 11:00-2:00 PM. The next meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2016.</i></p>	