

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

**DATE:** **October 20, 2011**

**LOCATION:** **Blanchard Plaza, Seattle**

**Attendees:**

Janna Bardi  
Jan Hicks-Thomson  
Jeff Wise  
Lin Watson  
Dr. John Dunn  
Dr. Maureen Brown  
Dr. Justin Ortiz  
Marisa D'Angeli  
Ellen Silverman  
Jenny Arnold  
Lynette Wachholz  
Chas Debolt

**Representing:**

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WA Academy of Family Practice  
American College of Physicians/.Washington State Medical Association  
Washington State Department of Health, Epidemiology and Public Health Laboratories  
Health Care Authority  
Washington State Pharmacy Association  
NAPNAP  
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Epidemiologist, DOH

**On conference Call:**

Diana Rousseau Asotin County Health District  
Vikki Davis, Walla Walla County Health Department  
Dr. Jonathan Bell, Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**Facilitator/Chair:**

Dr. Maxine Hayes Washington State Health Officer

**Recorder:**

Nicole Avelar Immunization and Child Profile Office, DOH

Discussion and Recommendations	Conversation, Decisions and Follow-Up
<p data-bbox="117 201 926 237"><b><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Changes to Agenda</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="163 240 369 272"><i>Maxine Hayes</i></p> <p data-bbox="117 313 512 342"><b>Introductions and Welcome:</b></p> <p data-bbox="117 412 342 441"><b><u>Welcome Guest</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="264 462 590 492">➤ <b><i>Ellen Silverman, RN</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="359 516 1268 813">• Nurse Clinical Consultant Supervisor at the State Health Care Authority. Ellen is licensed in WA as a RN and is also a Psychologist – focus on health and community psychology. In her current position, she manages the Medicaid Physicians and Profession Services Program as well as managing and supervising all other Medicaid clinical programs supported by the clinical consultants. She is involved in reviewing new professional coding throughout the year including vaccinations as well as reviewing the literature for coverage determinations.</li> </ul> </li> <li data-bbox="264 849 564 878">➤ <b><i>Jonathan Bell, ND</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="359 902 1268 1333">• Dr Bell is a naturopathic physician who practices general medicine at Ballard Neighborhood Doctors, an integrated ND/MD community clinic, which he co-founded in 2005. He’s served as a board member for the Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians, as a Steering Committee member for the Alternative Healthcare Access Campaign, and as adjunct faculty at Bastyr University. He’s been an advocate for the Vaccines For Children program and has continued education in vaccinology at the National Foundation for Infectious Disease and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Ongoing goal is to decrease vaccine fear by encouraging conversation between alternative and conventional providers, public health, and politicians.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1297 313 1488 342"><b>All welcomed</b></p>

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<p>➤ <b>Linda Eckert, MD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Eckert is a UW associate professor in the Women’s Health Division of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the gynecology director at the Harborview Sexual Assault Center. She is an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Global Health and has been on the faculty at the UW since 1992. Her clinical Interests include, among other things, infectious diseases in obstetrics/gynecology and vaccination - research interest in immunization policy, particularly HPV. She spent a sabbatical at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2009 working on the HPV vaccine. She maintains a clinical and research interest in global public health policy and its translation into improving women's health care locally and globally.</li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts: None</b></p> <p><b>Changes to the agenda: None</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u></b> <i>Janna Bardi</i></p> <p><b>Handouts: Vaccine Advisory Committee Conflict of Interest Policy 2008</b></p>	<p><b>Janna Bardi</b> reviewed Conflict of Interest Declaration</p> <p><b>None Declared</b></p>
<p><b><u>Updates</u></b> <i>Maxine Hayes and Janna Bardi</i></p> <p>➤ <b>VAC Membership Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We’ve experienced some turnover in membership lately and need to take the opportunity to review and update our membership policy. <i>Until now, the policy was for two – five year terms (total of 10 years). We’re updating that to 2 two-year terms (total of 4 years) for new members.</i> We’ve also added obstetrics to the membership description, which is what we have in our new member Dr. Eckert</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maxine Hayes</b> reviewed the Membership Policy and noted the <i>change to the policy.</i></p>

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<p>➤ <b>School / Child Care Immunization Exemption; Provider Signatures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new exemption law has been effective since July 22, 2011. With one exception, it now requires a provider signature before it can be accepted by a school or child care. The department worked with OSPI over the summer to distribute notices and implementation information to schools, child cares, providers, local health. The WCAAP also did a very good information piece that was sent to their members. One implementation issue in particular we want to share with the VAC is some reports we've received about parents having a hard time getting a provider signature. This includes some with a medical home, but also those without one that are going to local health.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Janna Bardi</b> gave update on the implementation of new exemption law.</p> <p><b>Jeff Wise</b> gave update on the work that has been done on Immunization Exemption.</p> <p><b>Dr. Maureen Brown</b> If there is any sense that this law will increase immunization rates.</p> <p><b>Janna Bardi:</b> It is a little early yet to tell. The schools in WA state have to report immunizations and we will be receiving data on this late April. However, we anticipate that they will increase.</p> <p><b>Dr. Maureen Brown:</b> For the children that do not have a Medical Home how accessible are the vaccines.</p> <p><b>Janna Bardi:</b> Our Universal Childhood Vaccine Program helps with this in making sure the cost of the vaccine is not a barrier. Access to vaccines for people without a medical home will vary across the state and most local health websites have some information about where to get vaccines. Public clinics, like local public health for those that give shots) and Community Migrant Health Centers are places they</p>

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<p>➤ <b>Affordable Care Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In May of this year, the Department applied to the CDC for a grant made available under the Affordable Care Act. The grant was separated into 6 program areas, and WA applied for 4 of those 6. The total applied for was just under \$7 million, of which we were awarded \$1.73 million to plan in implement adult immunizations. All parts of the grants were competitive. We didn't get all we asked for, but some states got nothing.</li> </ul>	<p>can get vaccinated.</p> <p><b>Jenny Arnold:</b> Many kids without a medical home go to the pharmacies. This could be a good opportunity to vaccinate adolescents. Reimbursement of pharmacies by private insurance is a barrier – most are not reimbursed by insurance for immunizations. So this grant may be an opportunity to work on those issues.</p> <p><b>Jan Hick-Thomson:</b> We have a few independent pharmacies participating in the State Childhood Vaccine Program. They vaccinate kids as young as 5 years of age. So the option is available for pharmacies to participate in the Childhood Vaccine Program as well.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ortiz:</b> Offered help and support of the organizations he works with in implementing the grant.</p>

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<p>➤ <b><i>Institute of Medicine Annual Meeting</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vaccine: The Science Policy and Practice of Immunization</li></ul>	<p><b>Dr. Hayes:</b> Just got back from the annual IOM meeting in Washington DC. The focus was on vaccination as global issue – and also how politics play such a big part. Because disease is global we can't eradicate it until the low-income, remote countries are reached. It can take 11 or 12 years for a vaccine to get introduced into some countries after they become available in the US. Politics and money are key. It's not just the ministers of health in foreign countries that need convincing, but the ministers of finance.</p>

**Handouts:** Yellow Sheet, Salmon Sheet

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<p><b><u>2010 National Immunization Survey Data</u></b>  <i>Janna Bardi</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>19-35 Months of age</b></li> <li>➤ <b>13-17 Years of age</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CDC released its NIS data on September 01st of this year. The rates for 19-35 months of age showed significant increases for Hib and Rotavirus vaccines. The others remained static, especially when you consider the confidence intervals. This year we've received much more data on teens. We've been making steady gains with Tdap, Meningococcal and HPV rates. For HPV (first and third dose) we are well ahead of the national average, regardless of confidence intervals. Janna took us through some slides with more details. It includes some histograms from the CDC that show several specific vaccination rates across the country.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts:</b> White Sheet and Grey Sheet</p>	<p><b>Janna Bardi</b> gave presentation</p> <p><b>Maureen Brown</b>, Rotavirus- How many people started and do not finish the series. Do we have the data?</p> <p><b>Jeff Wise:</b> No. NIS gives us only data for children who are complete – meaning 2 or 3 doses depending on the vaccine product. We don't know how much of the "non-complete" portion have received no vaccine or have started but haven't finished the series.</p>
<p><b><u>2011-2012 Influenza Vaccine Season</u></b>  <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu Season is well underway by now. The department pre-booked almost 300,000 doses more than last season. All product types are available. Providers were able to start ordering earlier this year - August 1st.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jan Hick-Thomson:</b> gave presentation see handout.</p> <p><b>Dr. Justin Ortiz:</b> What do you know about how much of the vaccine has been administered?</p> <p><b>Jan Hick-Thomson:</b> We don't have data on doses administered for this season yet. What we've heard varies – most providers began administering flu vaccine as soon as they had it in stock. Some said they want vaccine earlier so they can start vaccinating in July. Some have said they give flu vaccine in October. We think this reflects the need for a cultural shift from a time when flu vaccine was typically not available until October,</p>

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<p><b>Handouts:</b> PowerPoint Presentation (Green Sheet)</p>	<p>so administering it then made sense; to the present time when vaccine is available much earlier and needs to be administered when it's available. We can look into the doses administered data and provide some follow-up with the VAC later.</p>
<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><b>Handouts: None</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b><u>Agenda Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Next Meeting Details:</u></b> To be announced.</p>	

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