



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2010

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In attendance: Aldene Ault, Elease Booker, Penny Bramlett, Robin Decker, Joanne K. Georgelis, Ron Grunstra, Latricia Hall, Richard Hardesty, Mark Hodge, Shawn Legambi, Lou Licata, Joanna McNeely, Suzanne Podrazik, Lorraine Quarrick, Diana Quinn, Jackie Richter, Tiffany Tate, and Deometris Washington.

I. Program Updates

• DHMH

- **Personnel:** Robin Decker introduced Elease Booker as the Center for Immunization's new Health Educator.
- **H1N1Vaccine:** Robin indicated that DHMH is currently in PHER III of ordering. DHMH is encouraging local health departments to increase their outreach efforts to maximize the use of the vaccine, which is in abundant supply.
- **DQIC (Data Quality Improvement Committee):** Robin stated that DQIC was formed to begin to clean, then analyze the data that has come into the DHMH Central H1N1 database from school and triplicate forms, ImmuNet, and other electronic data sources. The committee has started by assessing for backlogs and process problems (regarding data submission), correction and/or completion of data before it is scanned or entered manually, and correction of some data (e.g. PINs) already in the central database. DQIC will initially be providing LHDs with simple feedback regarding numbers of doses delivered to that LHD and numbers of doses administered, according to our central database.
- **ImmuNet:** DHMH, Center for Immunization has plans to implement use of WIR – (Wisconsin Immunization Registry) in approximately six months. In the meantime, members should continue to use ImmuNet.

• Vaccine Manufacturers –

- **MedImmune –** Shawn Legambi noted that MedImmune had a successful year, producing 40 million LAIV doses of H1N1 vaccine. For 2010, MedImmune hopes to increase seasonal flu mist to 20 million doses, and plans to develop an earlier timeline for August.
- **Pfizer:** Ron Grunstra briefly discussed Wyeth's merger with Pfizer, noting that more information will be available at the next meeting. He indicated that Prevnar supply is fine.
- **Novartis:** Lou Licata stated that Novartis made a sizeable H1N1 contribution to the marketplace. Novartis expects flu demand will be high for next year. Lou informed members that they could pre-book online at www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com or via phone at 1-(877)-683-4732.
- **GSK:** Joanne K. Georgelis stated that GSK distributed H1N1 vaccine internationally, but not in the U.S. because they use a different adjuvant system. GSK now has age indication on seasonal flu vaccines for 18 and

older. Joanne also noted that the FDA recently approved GSK's cervical cancer vaccine, Cervarix.

II. **Catching Up: Stories from the H1N1 Frontlines**

- Members shared their experiences during the second wave of H1N1, going over what worked, what did not work, and the overall lessons learned.
 - **Communications:** Members noted that they promoted their clinics through their website and phone system. Several noted that the initial demand was so high that it disrupted the phone systems in several jurisdictions.
 - **Mass Vaccination Clinics:** Members agreed that mass vaccination clinics are not an ideal setting to vaccinate children, as the upset children are difficult to immunize and can scare the other children.
 - **Appointment Clinics:** Some members believed that holding appointment-only clinics ran smoothly, despite a small number of no-shows and late-arrivals.
 - **Disney Fast-Pass:** The gentleman who helped create the Disney Fast-Pass spoke on DHMH's statewide calls. Ultimately, Frederick County consulted with him about implementing a similar system.
 - **Vaccine Packaging:** Some members discussed the difficulties that arose with different vaccine lot numbers and packaging, especially when administered by inexperienced contract/emergency nurses. Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County shared how they avoided vaccine packaging issues.
 - **Prioritizing Patients:** Some members expressed the difficulties in dealing with people who did not fall in the priority groups.

III. **Healthcare Worker Immunization Initiative Grants**

- Tiffany Tate stated that the Healthcare Workers Initiative has expanded to include all vaccinations. Outside of flu season, the initiative will promote Tdap, varicella, and zoster.
 - **Grant Matching Program:** The initiative will be offering grants that offer a 2-for-1 vaccine matching component.

IV. **H1N1 Model Practice Awards: Excellence in Maryland's Responses**

- Tiffany noted that this year's Immunization Excellence Awards will recognize extraordinary efforts during the H1N1 season, specifically related to partnerships, clinic operations, delivery, outreach, and community mitigation. Applications are available and are due on March 1, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

V. **2009-2010 Flu Wrap-Up**

- Tiffany noted that the Immunization Excellence Awards will be given during the 2009-2010 Flu Wrap-Up, which will take place on April 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton BWI. A Save the Date with a tentative agenda will be distributed shortly.

VI. **Points Across VII: Health Promotion in the 21st Century**

- Tiffany noted that this year's Points Across Conference will take place on May 19th, and will focus on health literacy and social marketing. MPP will be sending out information shortly.

VII. Group Discussion: MCIP's Priorities for 2010 and Beyond

- Members briefly discussed MCIP's future priorities, but ultimately agreed to discuss this at greater length during the next meeting.

VIII. Other Business/Open Discussion

- Members agreed that a celebration should take place in conjunction with the Coordinator's Meeting. Tiffany formed a subcommittee which included herself, Shawn Legambi, Lorraine Quarrick, Richard Hardesty, and Suzanne Podrazik.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **February 23rd** and **April 27th**.