



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2010

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In attendance: Beth Amstad, Aldene Ault, Ruth Baker (T), Elease Booker, Melanie Coe (T), Robin Decker (T), Mike Grost, Ron Grunstra, Richard Hardesty, Mark Hodge (T), Shawn Legambi, Joanna McNeely, Stephen Pearce, Jessica Perry, Suzanne Podrazik, Lorraine Quarrick, Judy Richards (T), Cecilia Richardson, Kelly Smith (T), and Tiffany Tate

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I. Program Updates

• DHMH

- **School Validation Survey:** Elease Booker indicated that the 2009-2010 Validation Survey for Students Attending Private Schools is available online at www.edcp.org. This survey is designed to assess vaccination coverage among private schools in Maryland. The deadline to submit the validation survey is October 1st.
- **H1N1 Vaccine:** The level of H1N1 orders has varied in recent weeks. Providers with expired vaccine can dispose of it using their protocol. However, providers with excess supply must keep the vaccine until DHMH receives the release to dispose of unused vaccine.
- **ImmuNet:** ImmuNet has been experiencing technical difficulties. Currently, DHMH is working to implement a new registry, possibly the system that is being used in Wisconsin.
- **Mumps Outbreak in New York/New Jersey:** The mumps outbreak has 1,500 reported cases, making it the largest outbreak since 2006. To date, DHMH has reported only one linked case in Maryland.
- **Immunization Schedule:** Robin Decker and Elease are working with MedChi to update the immunization schedule. Once the schedule has been finalized, it will be available online.
- **Tdap Bill in Maryland Legislature:** DHMH has expressed opposition to HB 294 which would require seventh graders to receive the Tdap vaccine by the start of the 2010-2011 school season.

• Vaccine Manufacturers –

- **GlaxoSmithKline:** Cecilia Richardson indicated that everything is in good supply except for the pre-filled syringes of Andrix B Pediatric and Infanrix. GSK currently has an intermittent supply of Rotarix which should be resolved by March 1st.
- **Sanofi:** Stephen Pearce indicated that everything is in good supply. He also indicated that the FDA licensed Sanofi's Fluzone High-Dose.
- **Pfizer:** Ron Grunstra indicated that they are trying to keep offices down to a fifteen-day supply of Prevnar.

- **MedImmune:** Shawn Legambi indicated that they have 20 million doses of FluMist. MedImmune is actively pre-booking in Maryland and will be doing so through March. They are currently partnering with providers to gauge the demand for FluMist.

II. **Catching Up: Status of H1N1 Efforts**

- Members shared their continuing H1N1 activities.
 - **H1N1 Debrief:** Tiffany Tate announced that an H1N1 Debrief is scheduled for March 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Eggspectations. Members should RSVP as space is limited.
 - **Decreasing Demand:** Members observed that the demand for H1N1 vaccine steadily has decreased. However, they continue to offer vaccine.
 - **Prince George's County:** The health department will begin administering the second dose of H1N1 vaccine to children in schools on February 25th. They also are holding clinics in district and circuit Courts once a week.
 - **Baltimore County:** The health department will be holding a mass vaccination clinic on February 27th, titled "Super Saturday."
 - **Howard County:** The health department is reaching out to school-aged children, the elderly, and non-English-speaking populations.

III. **February 25th HCW Immunization Initiative Conference Call & Grants**

- The HCW Initiative's Phase II Kick-Off Teleconference is scheduled for February 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The teleconference will include a review of the Phase II resources, a presentation on the graying of the workforce, a review of the initiative's 2-for-1 vaccine matching grant, and tips for completing the grant.

IV. **Tips for Completing Application: Maryland H1N1 Excellence Awards**

- Nominations for the 2009 Maryland H1N1 Immunization Excellence Awards are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 1st. Nomination forms are available on MPP and the Center for Immunization's websites and can be e-mailed, mailed, or faxed. Winners will be recognized during the April 15th Flu Wrap-Up.
 - **Tips:**
 - Respond to every question that is asked.
 - Read each question carefully.
 - It was noted that applicants have the option of not using the form, but the nominations must not be longer than two-pages, single-spaced with twelve-point font.

V. **Upcoming Events**

- **March 24th:** The first Practice Makes Perfect training of 2010 is scheduled for March 24th at the Sheraton Baltimore North.
- **April 14th:** The Practice Makes Perfect training for the P.G.-Montgomery County region is scheduled for April 14th at the Hilton in Gaithersburg.
- **April 15th:** The Flu Wrap-Up is scheduled for April 15th at the Four Points by Sheraton BWI.
- **April 19th to 22nd:** The National Immunization Conference will be held from April 19th to April 22nd in Atlanta Georgia.

- **Points Across VII:** The Points Across VII Conference, originally scheduled for May 19th, has been re-scheduled for September 2010. A new Save the Date announcement will be sent out.

VI. National Infant Immunization Week Initiative & Grants

- National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is scheduled for April 24th to May 1st, while Maryland Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Month will be observed in May 2010. This year, the focus will be on adolescent and adult Tdap.
 - **Brainstorming:** Members shared ideas on how to get the word out. Ideas included offering incentives and reaching out to WIC, OB's, and local hospitals. Members also discussed various non-branded resources that could be distributed.
 - **Subcommittee:** Members agreed that partnerships should be formed and materials distributed. Tiffany formed a subcommittee which included herself, Stephen Pearce, Cecilia Richardson, Lorraine Quarrick, and Richard Hardesty.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **April 27th** and **June 8th**.