



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2010

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**In attendance:** Aldene Ault, Baltimore County (I), Elizabeth Bohle, Elease Booker, Inez Cage, Carol Carp, Robin Decker, Erica Denner, Dorchester County(I), Joanne Georgelis, Mark Hodge, Crosson O'Donovan (I), Queen Anne's County (I), Cecilia Richardson, Jessica Perry, Suzanne Podrazik, Lorraine Quarrick, Paula Rice, Judy Richards, St. Mary's County (I), Tiffany Tate, Wicomico County (I)

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### I. Welcome & Introductions

### II. Program Updates

- **DHMH:** Robin Decker provided the following update:
  - **VFC**
    - **Flu Vaccine Supply:** VFC providers should have ample supplies of all formulations.
    - **Field Consultants:** Due to contract changes, several VFC Field Consultants were laid off.
  - The **Maryland Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations (MSACI)** met on December 7, 2010.
  - **Pertussis Update:** There has been no increase in reported pertussis cases in Maryland. West Virginia, Virginia, and New York have reported an increase in cases.
  - **ImmuNet:** A new immunization registry is scheduled to launch in spring 2011.
- **Vaccine Manufacturers' Update**
  - **GSK:** Joanne Georgelis provided the following update:
    - Currently out of FluLaval.
    - 400,000 prefilled Fluarix available.
    - Pediarix will be in 10-packs.
    - Currently out of Kinrix. More expected by end of 2010.
    - Hep B vials low, but some are available.

### III. Completed Events/Activities

- Practice Makes Perfect training was held on October 20, 2010, in Frederick County.
- Vaccinating Chronically Ill and Special Populations webinar was held on December 8, 2010.
- National Influenza Vaccination Week Activities
- National Immunization Conference Abstract Submissions

- Abstracts on HealthyEmbrace, the Maryland Healthcare Personnel Immunization Initiative and observations from the public health delegation trip to Cuba were submitted. We will know if any or all were accepted in February. In the past, we have had a 100% acceptance rate.
- Immunization Excellence Awards Nominations
  - 15 nominations were received.
- HealthyEmbrace Provider Programs
  - **Provider Dinners:** Two provider dinners have been held in the Baltimore Metro area. Additional dinners and lunches will be held in 2011 in other regions.

#### IV. Upcoming & Ongoing Events/Activities

- Flu Multimedia Campaign
  - Ads are running on television and radio and are posted on buses and billboards.
- “Gift of Prevention” Campaign
  - Cards were made available to meeting attendees.
- January 19 Immunization Excellence Awards Luncheon
- HealthyEmbrace Pilot Project
  - Tiffany Tate and Robin Decker are refining the pilot.

#### V. Vote: HealthyEmbrace Birth Announcement Designs

- **Birth Announcements:** A vote was conducted during the meeting to choose top two designs for the announcements.

#### VI. Introduction: DHMH Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program

- Elizabeth Bohle and Carol Carp, DHMH, IDEHA, joined the group for the first time. Elizabeth Bohle provided the following update on hepatitis programs:
  - **CDC’s 317 Vaccine Program**, that provided funding for hepatitis B vaccines, has ended.
  - **Hep B Vaccine Replacement Program:** Details of this program, a collaboration with GSK, are being worked out.
  - **Maryland Hepatitis Coalition**
    - Working with various groups affected by hepatitis (ie, transgender, needle exchange).
    - Working on *HIV Stops with Me* campaign.
    - Hepatitis Summit being planned for 2011.
  - **Other Activities:** Elizabeth and Carol are talking to different groups about hepatitis screening. Will be working on statewide strategy and hepatitis programs.

#### VII. Presentation: “The Cuban Way: Public Health and Immunizations in Cuba”

- Tiffany Tate delivered a presentation on her recent trip to Cuba as part of a public health delegation.

#### VIII. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2011. The meeting will be a combined meeting between the coalition and Immunization Coordinators. The Coordinators will meet from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, then coordinators, MCIP members and MPP members will meet from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Note that this meeting replaces the meeting previously scheduled for February 1.
- A subsequent coalition-only meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011.