



Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunization

Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2018

I. Attendees

Members and Staff: Dianna Abney, Anne Bailowitz, Yen Dang, Heather Dunning, Alicia Mezu, Robert Sadowski, Kurt Seetoo, Monique Solieau-Burke, Roseann Velez

Guests: None

II. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Abney called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

III. Approval of November Minutes

Dr. Bailowitz moved to approve the November 8, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Soileau Burke. No amendments or discussion. Minutes approved.

IV. Sharing from partners

Dr. Bailowitz presented vaccine updates from the ACIP meetings.

- Shingrix, a new zoster vaccine by Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK). This is a two-dose vaccine administered intramuscularly (IM) for adults aged 50 and above. The recommended schedule is two doses given 2-6 months apart. It is the recommended Zoster vaccine by ACIP as of January 2108. If you have received the old Zoster vaccine you should also receive Shingrix.
- There is also a new Hep B vaccine called Heplisav–B for 18 years of age and above. The recommended schedule is two doses given one month apart. ACIP recommended as of April 2018.
- MMR: 3rd dose recommended when public health determines that there is a higher risk for infection (e.g. mumps outbreaks at a college/university). Recommended by ACIP in January 2018. No indication for a 3rd dose for travel.
- HPV – ACIP approved giving first dose at 9 years of age.
- 31st edition of Red Book is coming out this month.
- Next ACIP meeting is June 20-21.

Kurt Seetoo reported that the ACIP also voted to approve live attenuated influenza vaccine or LAIV (FluMist) next year. VFC does not have a contract yet so there will likely be doses available for private providers before VFC. CDC is in the process of developing a contract for LAIV. We will order doses for VFC once a contract is in place.

Dr. Dang reported that Shingrix is covered by most insurance plans now with a doctor's prescription.

V. **HPV Discussion**

Dr. Abney gave an overview of the HPV symposium held in March 2018. There were 4 presentations and one panel discussion. Kurt Seetoo will send out a copy of the slides from the meeting. HPV rate from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) shows that the one dose rate is still increasing in both females and males but the completion of the HPV series is still lagging behind. There is a need to emphasize the completion of the HPV series.

HPV letters from the Maryland Department of Health HPV Task Force. Suggested to send an HPV letter through the MDH HPV Task Force to ENT doctors since they are likely to find head and neck cancers. The letter would focus on educating patients. Kurt Seetoo can make the recommendation to the Task Force. Also suggested to send an OB letter. Dr. Abney suggested that we reach out to the president of the Maryland Chapter of ACOG. If anyone would like to draft a HPV letter to ACOG, please let Dr. Abney or Kurt Seetoo know.

Dr. Soileau-Burke has a very compliant patient base in her practice, but they also do have a difficult time to get children in for their follow up doses. It would be nice to have an app or program where the parent can get an alert when doses are due. Kurt Seetoo reported that Merck does have a program that the parents can sign up for to receive a text message for follow-up HPV doses.

Dr. Abney asked Alicia Mezu if the schools would be willing to help with HPV promotion. She does not have any information to share currently. She asks for suggestions on how the schools can help out so that she can take it back to leadership. Dr. Abney suggested that maybe they can help with education. Clear messaging will be essential to the schools agreeing to assist or not.

VI. **Update on Vaccine Research**

No update.

VII. **Open Discussion**

Dr. Abney would still like to acquire other populations as members of the Commission. She suggested an older youth seat (e.g. able to sit on a school board), one young adult (21-30 yo), senior (55+ yo), person representing special health care needs, two "at large" seats to get racial, ethnic, geographic representation. Alicia Mezu knows of a special health care needs parent who is also a nurse. Commission agrees that special

health care needs, senior representatives, and youth/young adult would be helpful.
One additional at large seat would be helpful as well.

Next meeting - September 12, 2018 at 6:30PM.

VIII. **Meeting adjournment**

Dr. Bailowitz moved to adjourn. Dr. Soileau-Burke second.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM