



## Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations

### Meeting minutes 7/28/22

- I. Attendees Members and Staff:
  - Monique Soileau-Burke (Chair), David Blythe, Yen Dang, Rebecca Carter, Aditya Chopra, Toby Gordon, Victoria McIntyre, Russell Lewis, Debbie Busch, Dianna Abney, Elease Booker-Ragin (staff), Sara Vazer, Elizabeth Elliott
  - Presentation Guests: Jinlene Chan, MDH Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services and Kenneth Bellian, Chief of Clinical Innovation at Jensen Partners
  - Public Comment Guest: Mr. Mazer
- II. Welcome and Introductions
  - Dr. Soileau-Burke called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Commission Members introduced themselves. Guests introduced themselves.
  - Dr. Soileau-Burke spoke with commission members offline to discuss commission assets, talents and how commission members are interested in the commission working, the bylaws and purpose. Dr. Burke has been looking at how immunizations are given and access to healthcare. There have been challenges since COVID-19 efforts.
  - Dr. Soileau-Burke introduces tonight's guest.
- III. MDH COVID-19 Vaccine Presentation and Discussion
  - Jinlene Chan, MDH Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services and Kenneth Bellian, Chief of Clinical Innovation at Jensen Partners
  - Questions for the presenters. Mr. Mazer addressed the statement Dr. Chan made about VRBPAC. We thank Mr. Mazer and remind all public guests that they must wait to the public comment period to make remarks.
  - Dr. Jinlene Chan and Kenneth Bellian thank you for the opportunity to present.
  - Dr. Soileau-Burke would like to continue and expand the conversation to include COVID fatigue, decreases in other routine childhood immunizations, as well as adults.
- IV. Review of Commission Bylaws and Goals
  - Dr. Soileau-Burke would like to discuss the bylaws and goals of the commission and consider the possibility of collaborating with other commissions. Also consider adult vaccines and the availability of adult vaccines.
  - Bylaws link dropped in the chat.
  - Dr. Dianna Abney – lots of providers do not offer adult vaccines. We need to make sure that providers and public know about vaccines, and encourage providers to stock and offer adult vaccines.
  - Dr. Sara Vazer – Providers are behind on adult vaccines but there are barriers for providers. Can local health departments vaccinate adults?
  - Dr. Dianna Abney – Yes, to some degree depending on the local health departments resources and if they carry adult vaccines. But recommends that people are vaccinated with their primary care providers.

- Dr. Russell Lewis – Has there been any discussion with organizations like CVS to offer and provide adult vaccines? On the private side and public? Some providers shy away from providing vaccines due to the vaccine management requirements? Is the information available in CRISP so that other providers can access the information?
- Dr. Sara Vazer – Does CVS take uninsured patients?
- Dr. Russell Lewis – Right now, I understand that they only take insured patients. We should look into a partnership where CVS can vaccinate uninsured patients.
- Dr. Soileau-Burke – it would be helpful to physicians to have an information source that show where you can get testing, treatment and vaccines, it would be helpful to have this information for all vaccines.
- Dr. Jinlene Chan – The infrastructure was built for COVID but we would consider making this an option for other vaccines.

V. Public Comment – Comments from Mr. Mazer

VI. Meeting Adjournment

- Commission meetings will continue quarterly, with evening meetings at or after 6 PM.
- Eliese will send out meeting minutes and dates and time for our next commission meeting.