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DCIC General Membership Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2007

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Mary Carlson

MedImmune

Steve Maurer, Brian Flynn

DCIC General Members:

THANK YOU for your attendance and participation in the coalition. The mission and goals of the coalition cannot be met without your support and participation!

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Kim Sveum

Introductions

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Board of Directors:**

Last meeting: August 6, 2007

Next meeting: **Monday, November 12th**

- The Board of directors decided to change the BOD meetings to quarterly. The September meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be Monday, November 12th.
- Linda Capener will replace Debbie Beck, as Vice Chair and Carola Gains will take Linda's place as secretary.
- Jill Jensen from Dean health Care, and Dan Hopfensperger from the WI Division of Public Health have joined the DCIC as general Board members.
- A survey for general membership members was discussed. Jeneile to create the survey.
- BOD will meet quarterly in 2008. The idea of changing the general membership meetings to quarterly was suggested, but it was decided to wait for the general membership surveys to come back and see what members would like for the future meetings.
- Suggestion to recruit more members from Wisconsin Medical Society, WNA, WPHA, parent groups, or other local stake holders

Immunization Practices Committee

Last meeting: Monday, Monday, Oct 1st

Next meeting: **Monday, December 3rd**

- PEARLS articles were reviewed
- Ideas for January PEARLS discussed
- Zostavax discussed (Dean, Unity, PPlus insurance covering vaccine), GHC considering covering the vaccine cost. ACIP recs. to be published by January.
- Some clinics have implemented a policy to have those who receive the HPV vaccine to wait in the waiting room for 15 minutes after receiving vaccine due to increased incidence of syncope.
- UW School of Pharmacy flu vaccine media campaign. DCIC may partner with SOPh on this, details to be worked out.
- A question was raised if clinics are administering the PPV23 vaccine at flu clinics. GHC and UW clinics do, Dean does not. The pros and cons of this was discussed.

Education and Outreach Committee

Next meeting: TBA

The presentations from the Symposium and the Grand Rounds have been placed on the DCIC website: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/health/coalitions/dcic.html>

There were near record attendances at the Grand Rounds and Immunization Symposium. Thank you again to our vendors who set up at the Symposium, which allowed participants to attend at no charge!

OPEN FORUM/ DISCUSSION

A survey has been sent to DCIC General Members soon. The purpose of the survey is to assess what the general members feel about:

- ✓ Location of meetings
- ✓ Time of Meetings
- ✓ Frequency of meetings (consideration for change to quarterly)
- ✓ What would motivate members to continue to attend meetings
- ✓ What are factors that prevent members from attending meetings
- ✓ Are they still interested in being members
- ✓ Could they recommend other colleagues who would be interested in attending meetings
- ✓ What would make general membership meetings more interesting; suggestions for speakers/ topics, etc.

The Coalition would appreciate any/all feedback regarding the survey. The coalition's success in the future is dependent upon general membership participation, interest, and support.

- Question from UWMF: Many adults are coming to flu clinics and requesting the thimerosal free vaccine instead of flu vaccine that contains thimerosal. For example, Fluzone for ages 3 and up contains 25 mcg/ .5 ml Hg. This seems to be a growing trend, and providers are concerned that if they fulfill this request, that it may send the wrong message to pts. that thimerosal may indeed be harmful.
- GSK representative says that there is a product "Fluarix" from GSK that has "trace" thimerosal and can be used for pts 18 years and up.
- GSK started removing thimerosal from vaccines this year. 95% of GSK's vaccines are thimerosal free.
- Most of Merck's products are now thimerosal free
- Sanofi Pasteur plans to increase production of their thimerosal free flu products for next year due to increased demand.
- FDA approved Flu Mist for ages 2-4. ACIP has yet to publish recommendations in the MMWR, within the next few weeks. Once recommendations are published, the VFC program can provide Flu Mist for children ages \geq 2-18 years.
- Med Immune plans to double Flu Mist production next year due to increased demand and expanded age eligibility criteria.
- Walgreen's has been giving flu shots and then sending the information to the PCP to be data entered into WIR. It is impressive that they are thinking of adding information to the WIR.
- Wildwood Family clinics (1 in Madison and 1 in Cottage Grove), are not entering vaccines into the WIR, so this information is missing from the WIR, which may affect rates to a small percentage.

- There are tentative plans for the recommendation of flu vaccine to all persons of all ages by 2011
- A question was raised to see if there is an education tool for those who "demand" the thimerosal free flu vaccine. Is there an educational tool in existence for this population that explains what thimerosal is, etc?
- Some discussion about thimerosal, and Hg in the environment. A factoid that was brought up is that there is 25 mcg of methyl Hg in a can of tuna fish and this doesn't seem to keep people from eating it. Also talk of more environmental hazards due to toxic wastes, and more Hg is in the environment in the form of methyl Hg as opposed to thimerosal (ethyl mercury)
- There are ads in Milwaukee newspapers for "thimerosal" exposure/ issues from a law firm seeking cases. WKOW gets calls about this topic. I did a quick search in the topic and found many hits right away. For example:
<http://www.anattorneyforyou.com/legal/thimerosal-lawsuit-wisconsin.htm>
- Vaccine reps are also reporting that they are seeing an increase in the number of clinics that are carrying all thimerosal free flu vaccine and they plan to fulfill these orders in the future and do not anticipate a shortage of preservative free products.
- Discussion of under utilization of flu vaccine for health care workers. Many facilities are holding employee flu clinics this year, as well as utilizing declination forms and/ or surveys to evaluate if employees received flu vaccine.
- Some facilities that are union and there have been issues with the declination form and the union approval (?)
- Public Schools have contracted with HH United to provide flu clinics for employees.
- Varicella shipping delay discussed. Because of increased production of ProQuad and Zostavax (which uses more of the Varicella antigen) this has affected production of Varivax and has caused some shipping delays. The problem is expected to be rectified within the next few weeks. Public Health has limited doses on hand and next shipment isn't expected until October 31st. Ruth Mueller, Merck, volunteered to try to get shipment bumped up since this may affect the exclusion rule for schools. Exclusion letters go out for students not meeting the minimum school requirements for vaccines on the 23rd.
- Speaker ideas for 2008 include: Waiver data from DHFS, HH United (what services they provide in Dane Co.), report of employee flu vaccine rates, declination rates, compliance, what works/ doesn't work, etc.
- Ruth Mueller states that she has attended other coalitions in the state and suggests that DCIC include day cares in Dane co. with some educational information, and provide them with information that they can share with parents as well.

**The Next DCIC General Membership Meeting is:
December 18, 2007 12 Noon- 1:30**

Speaker/ Discussion:

Craig Schuetz

**Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
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