

**Dane County Immunization Coalition
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2011 – 12:00 PM**

Pertussis Committee Update – Inroads have been made in facilitating postpartum Tdap immunization of hospitalized new mother. There remain challenges in getting family members immunized in an effort to create a “cocoon” of protection around infants. One of the UWMF Pediatrics departments will be trialing a project getting family members vaccinated with Tdap. This will include those family members who are also UWMF patients who have frequent contact with infants 6 months of age and younger.

Education Outreach Update – Save The Date: October 4, 2011 – Immunization Symposium at the American Family Training Center featuring Patsy Stinchfield, RN, MS, CPNP, Director of Infectious Disease for Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota as the keynote speaker.

Grand Rounds featuring Dr. Tom Saari are planned for October 12, 13, & 14, 2011.

Social Media – Public Health Madison Dane County (PHMDC) is developing a Facebook site. Take a moment to “friend” PHMDC.

Next Meeting – The next DCIC general membership meeting date has been changed to **August 2nd at noon** due to a conflicting conference being held on the second Tuesday in August.

Speaker – Our featured speaker for this meeting was Gregory DeMuri, MD FAAP from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and UW Hospital and Clinics Department of Pediatric Infectious Disease. Dr. DeMuri spoke on the topic of “Immunizing in Underserved Populations”. A copy of his Power Point presentation is included with these minutes. Some features of Dr. DeMuri’s presentation include:

- Neither race nor poverty are components of being under-immunized.
- There are multi-factorial challenges faced by patients and providers and overall healthcare system.
- Disconnecting immunizations from well child checks may make immunizing children less complicated.
- Those patients with a designated “medical home” have a 13% higher immunization coverage rate than those without.