

**Rhode Island Department of Health
Childhood Immunization Coalition
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
October 31, 2013**

Speakers:

Junhee Oh, BDS, MPH, ABDPH Diplomate, Oral Health Program

**Topic: Increasing Trend of HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancers
in Rhode Island**

Power point attached

Jim Beasley, Policy Analyst with Rhode Island Kids Count

Topic: “The Rhode Island Health Care Exchange”

Power point attached

**Health Source Rhode Island is open seven days per week. Access the
exchange at healthsourceri.com**

**Nineteen agencies have navigators on site to assist with the
application process and to answer questions, including all FQHC’s**

**Contact Information: jbeasley@rikidscount.org or
www.economicprogressri.org**

Trish Washburn, Immunization Program Manager:

The Immunization program partnered with the Lead and Asthma

programs to generate school report cards which were distributed to superintendents, principals and school nurses. Report cards will be issued annually. A request was made to have the report run one month later to see if a school has reached compliance.

Practice immunization coverage rate report cards were issued to pediatric provider practices this summer. Immunization coverage rates for children ages 19-35 month and 13- 17 year reports were distributed.

IDE working with Ponagansett High School on confirmed pertussis cases.

Proposed changes to school regulations pending public hearing include: Beginning August 1, 2014 at least one dose of the HPV vaccine series upon initial entry to seventh (7th)grade. The RI Vaccine Advisory Committee in recognition that there are practical office, patient and insurance issues which may prevent the timely completion of the three-dose HPV vaccine series, recommended that HEALTH implement a graduated approach when adding HPV vaccine to the school entry requirements – 1 vaccine dose prior to 7th grade entry, 2 vaccine doses prior to 8th grade entry and 3 doses prior to 9th grade entry.

Mark Francesconi, Vaccine Manager

OSMOSSIS ordering system will complete its first year in November. There is a notes field on both the monthly and flu order screens allowing for requests to be included with the order. Providers will no longer have to submit a separate email explaining specific needs.

Flu vaccine is shipping -to date 60 -65% of vaccine has been distributed. Flu orders can be placed weekly.

Adacel is in short supply therefore Boostrix is being distributed for both children and adults. Prefilled syringes for children and single dose vials for adults.

Viviana Ciccia has been hired as the s Vaccine Distribution Coordinator. She can be reached at 222-4639.

Thanks to Heidi Wallace for taking on the vaccine ordering during the past few months!

Randy Linn, The Wellness Company

A total of 250 school clinics out of 430 have been completed. We are seeing a 20% participation rate increase over last year.

Twenty one municipal clinics are scheduled between November 5th and December 3rd.

They are open to insured and uninsured and will offer Flu, Tdap and Pneumococcal vaccine.

Kim Salisbury-Keith, KIDSNET

This year's Quadrivalent Influenza vaccines have vaccine codes different from the codes used for the Trivalent flu vaccines from last year. Please work with your EHR vendor to assure the codes are correctly recorded and transmitted to KIDSNET.

KIDSNET is also working with practices to improve the timeliness of data sent from their EHRs to KIDSNET. Users are reminded to close records in order for data to transmit to KIDSNET.

DCYF staff has been trained by Janet Limoges and Gail Barbone Miller and are now using KIDSNET for children in state care.

Dennesse Seale, Woonsocket Parent

Introduced her product : Cough Spot. CoughSpot™ cough targets can help you teach your child to cough on their elbow! See www.coughspot.com

CoughSpot™ Behavior Skill Modifiers come in two forms: Temporary Tattoos and ArmBands.

Next Meeting: January 30, 2014

Please let us know what you think.

What topics interest you for presentations?

What are barriers /issues you see in Childhood, Adolescent, and Adult Immunizations?

Who else should be at the meetings?

Email Kathy at Kathy.Marceau@health.ri.gov. Or 401-222-4624

Happy Holidays