

**Rhode Island Department of Health
Childhood Immunization Coalition
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
June 26, 2014**

Screening & Discussion of Documentary Film “The Invisible Threat”

Facilitated by: Kimberly Harris and Anna Veacchi

Award-winning high school student filmmakers embarked on an independent project to create a documentary film about vaccines. The Invisible Threat focuses on the science of vaccination and the misperceptions about vaccines leading parents to delay or decline life-saving immunizations for their children.

Heidi Wallace introduced Dr. Ohnmacht for his leadership on vaccine issues as both a physician and a researcher.

Dr. Ohnmacht is Rhode Island’s CDC 2014 Childhood Immunization Champion

Dr. Richard Ohnmacht’s experience in pediatric vaccine research has made him a passionate champion of immunization, both within his own practice and for children throughout Rhode Island. As a researcher, Dr. Ohnmacht has participated in dozens of research studies, and helped to ensure that children get maximum immunity against vaccine-preventable diseases. As a member of Rhode Island’s Vaccine Advisory Committee, he provides guidance to the Rhode Island Department of Health on issues of vaccine distribution

and administration. His work on the Vaccine Advisory Committee and his decades of research experience have helped protect children statewide and beyond from a variety of diseases.

Dr. Ohnmacht supports childhood immunization in Rhode Island as a pediatrician, researcher, and authoritative expert. In his practice, he has earned parents' trust and respect through his willingness to listen to their concerns and talk with them about immunization. Understanding the importance of good data collection in coordination of care, Dr. Ohnmacht is committed to entering his patients' immunization data into KIDSNET promptly and accurately. He uses KIDSNET to assess the vaccination statuses of patients and bring them up-to-date on vaccines as necessary. Thanks to Dr. Ohnmacht's dedication to immunization and to open communication with families, his patients' immunization rates are among the highest for any practice in Rhode Island.

Lesa Volpe, The Wellness Company

- **392 schools will participate in the school located influenza program**
- **254 clinics scheduled for the fall**
- **Clinics will begin Monday, September 29th and end November 20th**
- **Most high schools will be held during the school day students, faculty and staff**
- **Total of 106 daytime events are scheduled, 148 evening events are scheduled**

Most elementary and middle school clinics will be from

4:00p.m-6:30p.m for families members 6 months and older.

- **Some districts chose host sites while others opted to host a clinic at each of their schools.**
- **Flumist and injectable vaccines will be available at all events.-no out of pocket charge**
- **Last year we vaccinated 24,000 children and just under 11,000 adults- about 35,000, which was up 20% from the year before**

Tricia Washburn, Immunization Program Manager:

- **Health is working on an HPV public health campaign**
- **Dr. .Ailis Clyne has been doing academic detailing in multiple provider practices and will share best practices at conference in September**
- **School regulations still under consideration**

Mark Francesconi, Vaccine Manager

There are no delays on any vaccine

- **Enrollment needs to occur by July 1, 2014**
- **OSMOSSIS will be down for quarterly maintenance from noon on 6/27 through noon on 7/2**

Kim Salisbury-Keith, KIDSNET

- **RIDE and HEALTH signed a Memorandum of Agreement that will allow the sharing of roster data**
- **Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) will be added to newborn screening as of August 1st and reflected on the Newborn**

Bloodspot page in KIDSNET.

- **A Newborn Hearing Screening follow-up report is available to Providers that identifies patients who need follow-up because of initial screening results or due to risk factors.**
- **Practices wishing to test HL7 2.5.1 messages to KIDSNET should complete a Registration of Intent form (available on the Health Department Web site).**
- **Currently there are not any practices that have tested and have approved HL7 2.5.1 messages going to KIDSNET production. Contact your EHR vendor and KIDSNET to initiate a testing process.**
- **Practices should periodically review their patient list and notify KIDSNET of patients no longer in their practice. Cleaning the patient list may impact immunizations.**

Mary Falvey, RN, Ocean State Adult Immunization Coalition

The Childhood and Adult Immunization Coalitions will be working on a merger of both groups. Target date is January 2015.

Thanks to Sanofi Pasteur for a wonderful lunch!

Next Meeting: October 30, 2014