

Rhode Island Vaccine Advisory Committee
November 9, 2012 Meeting Notes

Members in attendance: Elizabeth Lange, MD RIVAC Committee Chair; Dinusha Dietrich, MD; Gail Davis, RN; Boris Skurkovich, MD; Penelope Dennehy, MD; Gail Skowron, MD; P Sarah Fessler, MD; David Chronley, MD; *Members unable to attend:* Nathan Beraha, MD; Richard Ohnmacht, MD; Patricia Flanagan, MD; *HEALTH:* Dr Fine, Patricia Raymond, Peter Simon, MD, Mark Francesconi, Sue Duggan-Ball, *Guests:* Rich Aceto, Stephen Smith, Sandra Ribeiro, Barb Homier, MD, Cindy Dunaj, Jessica Loftus, Diane Frazier, Sherry Schilb, Patricia Novy, Jim Palazzo.

OPEN MEETING/OLD BUSINESS

Dr Lange opened the meeting at 7:30. Minutes from the 3/23/12 meeting were approved

RI Department of Health Updates (Power Point attached)

Adult Immunizations

Any series vaccine started < age 19 can be completed with SSV vaccine by age 20. Additional data requested to support new ACIP recommendation for Tdap vaccination during each pregnancy (Pat to follow-up). Adult vaccine expansion planned, HEALTH currently provides Flu, Tdap, Pneumococcal vaccine for adults:

- Recommendation: include Pneumo for smokers/asthmatics, all ages
- Recommendation: PCV13 to high risk adults-add topic to next agenda
- Recommendation: Hep B for diabetics under age 60
- June 2013 to expand SSV vaccines through age 26

School Regulations

OHHS has ordered a temporary hold on all changes to regulations. Due to this, and since many school districts begin registration in January, we will extend the deadline for adding the new vaccine requirements to the August 2014-15 school-year and include HPV. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices published the updated recommendations for males in an October 2011 MMWR.

Vaccine Storage & Handling

CDC now recommends the use of stand alone refrigerator units and stand alone freezer units. Also, CDC recommends all units have data loggers with glycol filled thermometers for temperature monitoring. Such units are now being installed by HEALTH at SSV provider practices. HEALTH will get these new recommendation messages out to practices.

Proquad Vaccine Update Barbara Homier, MD, Medical Affairs and Policy Division, Merck

Dr Homier presented a comprehensive review of clinical trial data related to increased risk of fever and febrile seizure with dose 1 of MMRV, current ACIP/AAP recommendations and an update on supply.

Discussion/Feedback

Seizures are very frightening to parents resulting in visit to ER and increased healthcare cost. Given increased risk of fever and febrile seizure the general consensus from group was recommendation to reintroduce MMRV into the state-supplied vaccine program for 2nd dose at age 4 years and continue to supply MMR and Varicella for 1st dose.

Other Business/Announcements

- Jason Smoot, a two year CDC intern to work at HEALTH on quality assurance and quality improvement initiatives with providers.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, April 5, 2013
Location: Department of Health, Room 401, 7:30-8:30 AM