

Rhode Island Vaccine Advisory Committee

Friday, October 24, 2014

Meeting Notes

Members in attendance: Elizabeth Lange, MD, RIVAC Committee Chair; Richard Ohnmacht, MD; Nathan Beraha, MD ; Gail Skowron, MD; Dinusha Dietrich, MD; Sarah Fessler, MD, Gail Whitfield, Thundermist Health Center

Members unable to attend: Michelle Forcier, MD; Penny Dennehy, MD; Boris Skurkovich, MD; David Chronley, MD; Patricia Flanagan, MD; Estelle Borucki, RN; Gail Davis, RN; Pablo Rodriguez, MD; Karen Mazolla, RN

HEALTH: Tricia Washburn, Ailis Clyne, MD, Mark Francesconi, Sue Duggan-Ball, Kathy Marceau, Denise Cappelli

Guests: Sherry Schilb, Sanofi; Joe Costello, Novartis

Open Meeting/Old Business

Dr. Lange opened the meeting at 7:35AM. Minutes from the March 28, 2014 meeting were approved.

2014 Rhode Island Childhood Immunization Champion

Dr. Richard Ohnmacht was acknowledged as the recipient of the 2014 Centers for Disease Control, Rhode Island Childhood Immunization Champion.

HEALTH Updates

Rhode Island received 5 awards at the 2014 National Immunization

Conference in September:

- **Outstanding accomplishment in achieving coverage for three vaccinations among 13-17 year olds, based on Healthy People 2020 targets.**
- **Outstanding accomplishment in achieving 36.2% coverage for pneumococcal vaccination of high-risk adults age 18-64 years during 2013**
- **Outstanding accomplishment in vaccinating 52.5% of adults against influenza during 2013-2014 season.**
- **Outstanding accomplishment in improving adult influenza immunization coverage by more than 5.4 percentage points from the 2010-11 season through the 2013-14 season.**
- **Outstanding accomplishment in 74.5% influenza vaccination during the 2013-2014 season among children age 6 months - 17 years, based on Healthy People 2020.**

Influenza Vaccine

According to the influenza season reporting, vaccine distribution and administration is slightly lower than year to date last year. Rhode Island's Flu Task Force recommended increasing the supply by 10% based on practices indicating higher demand and an increase seen in the school located clinics. HEALTH remains conscious of not wasting vaccine and will continue to monitor vaccine supply through weekly reporting to determine the amount needed. There are reports of a national increase in demand with no supply issues noted.

FluMist has an 18-week shelf life and is released over several months

to vary expiration dates. Providers report data to KIDSNET and also report weekly activity in OSMOSSIS.

Program Updates:

- **CMS is not currently participating with the state program. Providers can vaccinate Medicare Fee-For-Service patients using state supplied influenza vaccine and will be billed by the state for doses ordered; otherwise they can purchase privately or refer patients to pharmacy.**
- **Uninsured adults can be vaccinated with state supplied influenza vaccine. The only variation is for the Medicare FFS population.**
- **Providers can charge a cap of \$22.69 administration fee for patients under 19 years of age, who are uninsured, Medicaid eligible, under-insured (who are seen at FQHC's) or American Indian/Alaska Native. These children are eligible under the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program.**
- **HEALTH is looking for an HPV physician consultant to work 20 hours per week. This physician will conduct childhood vaccine coverage rate assessment visits at provider sites.**

Vaccine Exemptions

Children coming into Rhode Island from out of country may present with incomplete vaccine administration dates. The standard is to accept records that contain the day, month and year administration dates. If there is any ambiguity, the record is considered non valid and the patient is to be revaccinated. If KIDSNET receives history

data without complete date, the records are returned to the provider. Dr. Lange offered endorsement from the committee if needed.

Documentation of Vaccine History/Hep B Birth Dose Discrepancies

KIDSNET shows 93-94% coverage rate for Hep B at birth where the National Immunization Survey (NIS) shows a 73% rate. HEALTH is interested in addressing the discrepancy in data. Data is submitted by the birthing hospitals to KIDSNET within 2 days of administration. The NIS data is collected by phone calls to parents followed by contact with the PCP to verify parent information. Providers receive a 9 page summary from the birthing hospital with the Hep B documentation within. Some providers need to enter the data into the EMR manually. If the EMR has a quality mode it will count the 2, 4 and 6 month dose as satisfied without entering the birth dose. There is no bi-directional interface between the EMR's and KIDSNET but this is a future goal. The current KIDSNET focus is on Meaningful Use and one- way data transfer. A newborn summary is available in KIDSNET. A suggestion was made to survey the 4 pediatricians at the table and ask for their practice process.

Menhibrix Update

Menhibrix is in OSMOSSIS under a special order table. The sickle cell clinic at Hasbro can order this vaccine as needed. Other providers can order the vaccine with approval by Barbara McNeilly, RN.

Newborn letters will be sent to the PCP identifying the child as needing Menhibrix. If the patient is not going to the Hasbro clinic by 2 months of age, the vaccination needs to begin at the pediatric office. Barbara McNeilly will track all children identified. An estimated 12 children per year have sickle cell and there are other conditions that warrant Menhibrix. Cardiac patients do not go to the Tomorrow Fund clinic. The Committee recommended that letters about MenHibrix are sent to cardiac patient PCP's. A general letter, explaining the protocol will go to all pediatricians. Letters will go case by case to identified patients PCP's.

The next Vaccine Advisory Committee Meeting will be held 7:30 – 8:30 AM on Friday, April 10, 2015 at HEALTH in the Director's Conference Room in 401.