

April 25, 2008 12:00pm 1 Capitol Hill, Conference Room A, Providence, RI, 02908 Meeting: Rhode Island Department of Health :Childhood Immunization Coalition Location: Dept. Of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island (conference room A) Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Welcome by Kathy Marceau, Immunization Program

Key Note Speaker:An update of currently recommended vaccines for use in children and adolescents

Will provide information and strategies for addressing parental concerns about vaccine safety

INTRODUCTION OF DR. WHARTON

Rhode Island is delighted that Melinda Wharton, MD, MPD is here today to help Rhode Island celebrate our immunization achievements: Dr Wharton serves as the Deputy Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Centers for Disease Control. She was appointed Deputy Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (formerly the National Immunization Program (NIP)) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in August 2006. She holds an M.D. from Harvard Medical School and an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She completed internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Center and her infectious diseases fellowship at the Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Wharton was commissioned as a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in 1986

and was assigned to the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment in Nashville, TN. In 1989, she joined CDC as a Medical Epidemiologist in the Epidemiology Program Office. She joined the National Immunization Program in 1992, holding Chief positions in the Infant Immunization Section, Surveillance, Investigations, and Research Branch, and the Child Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch, Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, and serving as Director, Epidemiology and Surveillance Division. In January 2004 she became Acting Deputy Director of NIP. Dr. Wharton has authored or co-authored more than 80 scientific journal articles, book chapters, and CDC publications including MMWR articles.