

The meeting of the State of Illinois Department of Public Health, Immunization Advisory Committee, was held on May 6, 2015 at the Michael Bilandic Building, 160 North LaSalle Street, Room N502, Chicago, Illinois 60601

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT S. DAUM, MD – Chairman
RASHMI CHUGH, MD
LISA KRITZ, MSW, MBA
*CHRIS SCHRIEVER, PharmD
ANITA CHANDRA-PURI, MD
LINDA GIBBONS, RN, MSN
*LAURA FOERSTER, RN
TINA TAN, MD
ARVIND GOYAL, MD
JESSICA GERDES, ISBE
*JULIE MORITA, MD
MARGARET SAUNDERS
*MALINDA HILLMAN, RN, BSN, CPHA

ALSO PRESENT:

JAN DANIELS
BILL MORAN
CAROL GIBBONS FINLEY
*LINDA KASEBIER
*TERI NICHOLSON
*ROBIN HOLDING

*present, by phone

Reporter:

Start time: 10:10am

I. Roll call of members and visitors completed.

2. Approved minutes

3. Legislation Update – Bill Moran presented a summary on recent legislative progress to include:

- SB1410 which would require a health care provider to sign a religious exemption form, confirming that the provider had counseled parents on the benefit of required vaccinations. Dr. Daum and Laura Foerster indicated a desire to see the form submitted annually, rather than at entry to kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. Dr. Chandra-Puri responded that the financial burden for the family contributed to need to revoke support of an annual submission. Dr. Morita provided commentary on the need for providers to connect with legislators to address support. Following a short discussion, Dr. Daum acknowledged committee members efforts, particularly Ms. Kritz, in support of SB1410.
- SB0986 which would require Tdap and MMR vaccination for employees of child care facilities.
- HR0184 which acknowledges global support for vaccinations.
- HB3627 which would allow pharmacists to administer influenza and Tdap to children 10-13 years of age.

There was a discussion about the processes by which the Immunization Section and the Department derive positions on proposed bills. There was a general consensus among committee members that while understanding significant time constraints under which the Department operates to prepare bill responses, members would like the opportunity to provide input to the Immunization Section on behalf their agency or association. **A motion was made by Ms. Gibbons for the Department to develop a mechanism by which committee members could contribute to provide the Section with timely**

guidance on legislative responses. Discussion ensued with methodologies, time constraints, capacities; Ms. Gerdes posed that email notification and response would need to be directed to the Department and could not allow member discussion or it would constitute a violation of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was modified to allow IDPH to seek legal counsel on whether email could be used to allow committee members to provide timely content for consideration in bill responses.

4. Rules Update - Bill Moran reported that the Administrative Rules addressing vaccination requirements for entry into child care facilities (695) and school (665) have been combined into a child and student health examination and immunization code. Ms. Gibbons requested that the stricken language (licensed to practice medicine in all its branches) be restored to clearly eliminate podiatrists, chiropractors, etc. from being allowed to perform physicals. She and Ms. Gerdes also cited desire that rules language requires Department review of documentation about medically contraindicated vaccinations and their submission by local school authorities. Dr. Chugh concurred and asked for the process for to allow individual comments. Mr. Moran informed that individual agency or organization comments would be welcome during public hearings or open comment periods.

There was a brief discussion about identifying MMR in place of new two-dose requirements for mumps and rubella vaccination for college students and suggestion that they be referenced as mumps-containing and rubella-containing vaccinations.

5. Ms. Foerster / Ms/ Kritz made the motion to accept the Advisory Committee By-Law revisions; Margaret Saunders seconded the motion; **motion passed.**

6. Dr. Daum inquired about 2015-16 Influenza Vaccination strategies, noted continued low coverage levels and a desire for the increased community awareness about the importance of influenza vaccination. Members shared and discussed ongoing efforts; Ms. Saunders shared the opportunity to promote vaccination efforts in ongoing programs with senior populations (LIHEAP program), Ms Gibbons mentioned a 5 year study completed by the National Association of School Nurses to increase vaccination and advocated for school-based vaccination clinics. There was a consensus for more data on actual influenza vaccination rates, possibly mapping areas in Illinois with low coverage. Dr. Morita indicated the least vaccinated population remained young healthy adults who don't feel the need to get vaccinated. She emphasized that age and race/ethnic groups are important to observe in the context of finding those at greatest risk of flu-related illness and using evidence-based approaches to get them vaccinated. Dr. Daum requested that Ms. Finley or a delegate deliver influenza data and recommendations for evidence-based approaches to improve influenza immunization coverage levels at the next meeting.

7. Ms. Kasebier presented an update and content on the IDPH VFC program. Data provided raised concerns by Dr. Goyal about the decrease in provider enrollments. He indicated that lengthy program notices to providers were very intimidating; Dr. Chugh contributed that the vaccine replacement program might also be a reason for gradual loss of providers. There was a discussion about VFC practices and requirements and about the impact Medicaid's managed care organizations have had on VFC enrollment. Dr. Goyal requested a special meeting just to address the VFC program in general. Dr. Daum indicated he would like an updated VFC report at the next scheduled meeting to include DPH and CDPH VFC enrollment data, provider enrollment progress- including provider departures and vaccine storage practices. Dr. Daum also asked for the ICARE/IIS Business Plan to be shared with committee members. He asked that the IIS workgroup established in March provide an update on their progress at the next meeting. Dr. Daum reported consensus from all members to support mandated reporting to ICARE.

8. Dr. Daum acknowledged the services of Mr. Moran, who is retiring on May 29, 2015.

Parties present voted to adjourn meeting.