Wyoming Vaccine Advisory Board (VAB) Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Location: Qwest Building, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 420, Room 463, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dial-in Number: 1-877-278-8686, Participant PIN: **309491**

Present** (announced)**:
Brent D. Sherard, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Director and State Health Officer
Robert Grenwelge, CDC Public Health Advisor (PHA) to the Immunization Section
Jan Bloom, Immunization Section Chief
Lisa Wordeman, Vaccine Program Specialist, Immunization Section
Diana Martin, R.N., Clinical Quality and Compliance Specialist
Jackie Nelson, M.D., Wyoming Chapter President, Wyoming Academy of Pediatrics
Jodye Wilmes, R.N., State Program Consultant
Joanna Briggs, R.N., Outreach Specialist, Clinical Coordinator
James Bush, M.D., F.A.C.P., Medicaid Medical Director
R. Larry Meuli, M.D., M.P.H.
Chris Bartholomew, R.N., Wyoming School Nurses Association
Barry Wohl, M.D., General Pediatrician, Northeast Wyoming Pediatrics Associates
Robert Prentice, M.D., Cheyenne Children's Clinic
LaChel May, Provider Relations Administrative Assistant, Immunization Section
Lisa Croakstrum, Representative from GlaxoSmithKline
Cheryl Hubbard, UW Nursing Student

Meeting called to order by Dr. Sherard at 8:35 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Sherard explained to VAB members that this would be his last meeting as State Health Officer. VAB members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Sherard for his commitment and diligence as Director and State Health Officer.

Vaccine Fiscal Report – Robert Grenwelge, CDC Public Health Advisor assigned to the Immunization Section, reported that, due to the increased uptake in vaccine usage, vaccine prices, and the implementation of the amended Rules and Regulations for School Immunizations in August 2010, there is approximately $2.5 million in state vaccine funds remaining for the 2011-12 biennium. Based on current expenditures, Robert reported that it is likely that all state vaccine funds will be expended by the end of CY2011.

Vaccine Inventory and Budget Status – Jan Bloom, Immunization Section Chief, and Lisa Wordeman, Vaccine Program Specialist, presented various scenarios for the board's consideration regarding changes to the Wyoming Vaccinates Important People (WyVIP) formulary, based on vaccine distribution during CY2009 and CY2010. VAB members discussed which vaccines should be suspended or eliminated from the WyVIP formulary based on current state vaccine budget constraints. The focus of the discussion surrounded which vaccines were written into the amended school immunization requirements as recommended vaccines. Several members expressed that they would like to keep rotavirus and the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) in the formulary. A motion was made by Dr. Larry Meuli to eliminate all series doses of human papillomavirus (HPV), meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY), hepatitis A, and influenza vaccines from the WyVIP formulary or to suspend these vaccines for the remainder of the 2011-12 biennium [i.e. children who are not considered eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) programs would be unable to receive these vaccines through the WyVIP program]. Dr. Barry Wohl seconded the motion. Motion passed. Timelines for implementing these changes will be discussed at the next VAB meeting.

Insurance Assessments – Concurrent to any changes to the WyVIP formulary, Dr. Bush and Robert Grenwelge will begin preparing for discussions with health insurers in Wyoming who are currently not paying for the cost of vaccines as a result of the WyVIP program.

Next VAB meeting – Dr. Sherard requested that Dr. Bush chair the next VAB meeting, which he advised should be held within one month to wrap up discussions about the WyVIP formulary. The next VAB meeting will be scheduled by LaChel May. VAB members will be notified by email once the next meeting has been scheduled.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Sherard at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

LaChel May, Provider Relations Administrative Assistant
Recorder