Immunization Section Teleconference Minutes

Date: March 16, 2011

Present: Jan Bloom, John Anderson, Phyllis Gervais-Voss, LaChel May, Kathy Gaines, Karoleigh Cassel, Lisa Wordeman, and Robert Grenwelge
Facilitator – Jan Bloom

Minutes submitted by Karoleigh Cassel, Immunization Section Administrative Specialist

Update from Section Chief
Vaccine Advisory Board (VAB) meeting on March 9, 2011-Although there was discussion of a budget shortfall in the state vaccine funds, no decision was made on whether or not Wyoming will continue to be a universal state. There will be a follow-up VAB meeting on April 14, 2011 to discuss this further. The minutes for the VAB meeting are being transcribed and will be posted to the immunization web site www.immunizewyoming.com. If providers are planning special clinics, the orders will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and some orders may not be approved.

WyIR Rules-The public comment period for the new rules regarding the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) ended in February and the rules were signed by the Wyoming Department of Health Director's office on February 16, 2011. The rules are currently in the process of being approved by the Governor but will not be official until the rules are sent over to the Secretary of State to be filed.

Vaccine Program Update-Lisa Wordeman
Kinrix-Currently, the Kinrix vaccine is not available for ordering. There was a longer delay than expected from the manufacturer. Providers are to submit a vaccine request for Kinrix in April and hopefully the vaccine will be available at that time.

Flu Pre-booking is beginning soon as well as Annual Benchmarking. Providers are asked to keep an eye out for faxes and emails with more information. As always, patients should be screened for VFC eligibility, in addition, this information is sent to the Immunization Section during the benchmarking month.

The Jab & Gab newsletter was last sent out in February. The newsletter is done bi-monthly and is now available electronically through the web site and sent out by email. If providers did not receive an emailed copy, this may be due to the Immunization Section not having an updated email address for them. Providers can call the Immunization Section at 307-777-7952 to update email information or to be added to the email distribution list. All of the newsletters from 2005 until present are located on the immunization web site www.immunizewyoming.com under the left-hand side link "Jab & Gab Newsletters."

WyIR Update from John Anderson

Tdap forecasting-Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC) will be providing a script to update Tdap forecasting in the registry.

Current WyIR Statistics:
495,659 patients
4,497,402 vaccinations
142 providers
1100 active users

Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) TGIF Trainings-WyIR will have interactive trainings which will go over pertinent registry information and updates. There is a form posted on the immunization home page where providers can sign up for the various trainings. A pull-down menu will give the available dates and times for trainings. If providers have any questions regarding the TGIF trainings, they are asked to please contact John Anderson, WyIR Project Coordinator at 307-777-5773 or 1-800-599-9754 or by email at john.anderson@health.wyo.gov.

WyIR Barcode Scanner Pilot Project- WyIR has started a pilot project which pilot sites can scan patient driver's licenses or the bar codes on reminder recall postcards, which brings up patient record. The patient is then placed in queue and is ready to be vaccinated. The project is meant to decrease the amount of manual data entry during clinics. So far, three pilot sites: Midwest Clinic, Sheridan County Community Health and Cheyenne Health and Wellness Center have received bar code scanners and testing has begun. During a recent clinic, some bugs were found in the program, but are currently being worked out. There are currently 25 bar code scanners that have been purchased for the pilot project.

Updated WyIR Materials-These materials have been updated on the WyIR Program web page: WyIR User Guide Version 4.10, Patch Notes for Versions 4.10.1 and 4.11.2, Known Bugs for Version 4.10 Notice of Privacy Practices, Use or Disclosure Restriction, Mass Immunization User Guide-Web Version 4.10, School Nurse Reporting Application User Guide Version 4.10, and the Disable Auto complete Instructions for Windows 7 and Windows XP. Other materials are in the process of being updated, so providers are reminded to continually check the WyIR page for updates.

WyIR Interoperability Project Update from Phyllis Gervais-Voss
The Immunization Section sent out a survey in January regarding the implementation of an interface between Electronic Health Records that providers currently use and the WyIR. The Immunization Section is hoping to get a contract rolled out very quickly since the 2 year grant from the CDC ends in August 2012.

Reminders
Joanna Briggs, R.N., Clinical Coordinator and Outreach Specialist will retire as of April 1, 2011. The Immunization Section appreciates all that Joanna has done for them and she will be missed. The Immunization Section hopes to be able to fill her position as soon as possible. During the time the Clinical Coordinator position is vacant, Diana Martin, R.N., Clinical Quality and Compliance Specialist, will be taking any clinical questions. Jodye Wilmes, R.N. from Public Health Nursing will provide backup to Diana.

Pink Book Training - July 19th and 20th, 2011 - The State of Wyoming Immunization Section is hosting the CDC sponsored Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine –Preventable Diseases (Pink Book) Training in Cheyenne on July 19 and 20, 2011 at the Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This is an extraordinary training that providers will definitely not want to miss. The limit for registrations is set at 200 participants, with discounts for early registrants.

The next teleconference is May 18, 2011 at 12:15 pm.