Wyoming Vaccine Advisory Board (VAB) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March19, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: CenturyLink Building, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 420, Room 417, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Dial-in Number: **1-877-278-8686,** Participant PIN: **309491**

Present:

Wendy E. Braund, MD, MPH, MSEd, FACPM, State Health Officer and Senior Administrator
Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Unit Manager
Robert Grenwelge, CDC Public Health Advisor (PHA) to the Immunization Program
Jude Alden, Vaccine Program Coordinator
R. Larry Meuli, MD, MPH
Chris Bartholomew, RN, Wyoming School Nurses Association
Barry Wohl, MD, General Pediatrician, Northeast Wyoming Pediatrics Associates
Diana Martin, RN, Clinical Quality and Compliance Specialist
Jackie Nelson, MD, General Pediatrician, Wind River Wyoming
Jodye Wilmes, RN, State Program Consultant
James Bush, MD, FACP, State Medicaid Medical Officer
Bruce Hayes, Department of Education
LaChel May, Provider Support Specialist

Meeting called to order by Dr. Wendy Braund at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions- Dr. Braund welcomed the Vaccine Advisory Board Members.

Emerging Vaccine Issues- Lisa Wordeman stated that Pentacel, Adacel, and Daptacel vaccines are on allocation for the VFC/WyVIP Program. The allocations are adequate to meet Provider vaccine order needs, and they are unaware of any vaccine shortages. There are other vaccine brand options in case there is an increased shortage of the above vaccines.

Influenza update- Jude Alden explained that influenza vaccine ordering began on September 12, 2013 and as of March 16, 2014 there have been 16,430 VFC influenza doses ordered. Out of the 16,430 doses, roughly half have been the quadrivalent influenza vaccine. This is the first influenza season that the quadrivalent vaccine has been offered. Wyoming 2013-2014 influenza season has been slow and the number of cases have been low but those cases that are emerging have been severe. The 2014-2015 influenza vaccine has already been pre-booked through CDC. The influenza vaccine will be 100% quadrivalent for the 2014-2015 influenza season. Influenza vaccine provided through the program is purchased through federal funding and offered to VFC eligible patients only.

Vaccine Funding Discussion- Dr. Braund is pleased to report that the exception request submitted for the 2015-2016 biennium beginning July 1, 2014 of $2.74 million was approved by the Governor and Legislators. This one-time funding was brought forth as possibly being added into the permanent budget request going forward but they were disinclined to do so at present. Division of funds are $2.4 million for childhood vaccines and $343,500 will go toward the Adult Viral Hepatitis Program for high risk adults in Wyoming. The $2.4 million has been allocated to maintain the WyVIP program vaccine formulary and not to add additional vaccines to the formulary.

Next Vaccine Advisory Board Meeting- The next VAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, July (TBA), 2014, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The board will meet in the CenturyLink Building in Cheyenne, located at 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 420.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Braund at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
LaChel May, Provider Support Specialist Recorder