

Flu Advisory Board (FAB) Meeting Agenda

February 15, 2006

Bob Swanson called the meeting to order at 12:40pm

MDCH Staff changes:

Gary Kirk has been reassigned as the Acting Director of the Bureau of Family, Maternal and Child Health.
Bob Swanson has been reassigned as the Acting Director of the Division of Immunization

Introductions

Attending meeting: Stephanie Simmons, Lapeer County Health Dept., Howard Weinblatt, MSMS, Karen Mitchell, MAFP, Cassandra Dowling, MHA, Rosemary Franklin, MDCH, Donna Nursdorfer, Washtenaw County Health Dept., Kathy Webster, MNA, JoAnne Eakins, NAF, Pat Krehn, Muskegan County Health Dept., Mary Jo Flenner, MDCH, Jan Koopman, MDCH, Cara Knapp, Kalamazoo County Health Dept., Cora Urquhart, MDCH/BHS, John Minnium, GSK Vaccines, Mike Spencer, GSK Vaccines, Vanita Shaw, GSK Vaccines, Ann Shelton, MedImmune, Mark Magnuson, MedImmune, Teri Lee Dyke, MDCH, Joy Maloney, Ingham County Health Dept., Judy Williams, Ingham County Health Dept., Judy Ferguson, Sanilac County Health Dept, MALPH, Barbara Day, MDCH, Dawn Lukomski, Detroit Dept. of Health Wellness Promotion, Carol Legwand, Children's Hospital/AIM Coalition, Jan Arsenault, Wayne County Dept. of Public Health, Pat White, Oakland County Health Dept., Patsy Bourgeois, MDCH, Carolee Besteman, MPCA, JoEllen Wolicki, MDCH, Kevin Czubachowski, MDCH, Lori Bologna, sanofi pasteur, Bill Hagan, sanofi Pasteur, Rebecca Blake, MSMS, Liz Harton, MDCH, Rachel Potter, MDCH, Talat Danish, Wayne County Public Health, Bob Swanson and Pat Vranesich from MDCH.

On Conference call:

Kim Comerzan, Monroe County Health Department
South East Michigan Partners Project
Sara representing Kroger
Dianne McCagg, M-PRO
Stan Reedy – Washtenaw County Health Department

Old Business – Bob Swanson

Committee structure was discussed at the previous FAB conference call and has now been combined and merged into two committees, they are:

Education and Communication – Pat Vranesich and Liz Harton are the leaders of this group
Leadership and Deployment - Bob Swanson is the leader of this group

Members were asked to indicate on the sign in sheet which of the two committees they would like to be involved with and to encourage others to be a part of either or both committees. They can also e-mail Carlene Lockwood at Lockwoodc@michigan.gov with their preference.

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Education and Communication – Pat Vranesich and Liz Harton

IVEN - Rachel Potter

Not much activity in the last 5 weeks – about 100 users, 1/3 of the users posted a shortage or surplus of vaccine, 2/3 monitored postings.

Most re-distribution took place by the end of December.

Members thought IVEN was a great idea, however, it needs to be made more user friendly, which will get more people to use it, making it a more robust system. They would like to see it move away from the discussion format to a (table) database format.

Looking for geographic area for vaccine availability.

Hoping that IVEN will be available through MCIR for next year.

FluBytes – Liz Harton

FluBytes will be going out on Thursdays for 4 more weeks, ending in March.

Planning to have it as a standard next year as well – with more people helping to get it together.

Liz was recognized for assuring publication and distribution of weekly FluBytes.

Some commented that attachment is difficult to open.

From now forward the text of the FluBytes will be added in to the body of the e-mail.

FEW – Pat Vranesich

For the last 4-5 years there has been an internal group at MDCH

FEW (MDCH's flu education workgroup) met recently to talk about the influenza plan

Flu folder at the Michigan immunization conferences

Develop a message about influenza planning and its relationship to pandemic preparedness

Messages being considered for posters next year: Cover your cough – let your Dr. know, healthy grandmother, baby flu, HCW immunization message, pregnant women and flu

Vaccination of Health Care Workers (HCW) – Pat Vranesich

A PowerPoint presentation of vaccinating HCW was reviewed and will be attached to these minutes.

Bronson Methodist Hospital – Mary Jo Flenner

Wrote a policy and was approved for universal vaccination in 2005

Met with legal department to assure they could mandate the vaccination

4000 total employees –

3000 have direct contact with patients 2,900 received flu vaccine

Employees that refused completed denial sheets – and they had discussions about the refusal

Some employees are currently suspended for refusal and may be terminated for not getting vaccinated

No cost to employees or the insurance companies

Leadership and Deployment committee – Bob Swanson

This committee has not met since the last full FAB meeting.

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Pre-booking of flu vaccine – Bob Swanson

Sanofi Pasteur had Jan 31st as a date to pre-book vaccine. They were overwhelmed with ‘hits’ on the web site and the phone calls – they were sold out by the end of the day. They were wanting to pre-book 50 million doses.

Other companies and how to order from them:

Chiron has been purchased by another company – they plan to have 40 million doses for next year. They released about 10 million doses this year. Their pre-booking is done through the distributors and that information is available in the previous addition of Flu Bytes.

Glaxo Smith Kline company – had about 8 million doses this year – next year they plan to have 7 ½ million available. They also purchased ID Medical in Canada and are in the process of FDA approval for next year and if that goes through then another 15-20 million doses will be available. Will start pre-booking soon.

CSL Limited, based in Melbourne Australia, may have vaccine available for 2007.

MedImmune – for next year they may have 3-5 million doses available and are working on re-licensure of the vaccine for a younger age. Today is the date to start pre-booking.

Flu Summit Report – Liz Harton

Liz Harton and Rachel Potter attended the National Influenza Summit in January. PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and will be attached to these minutes

Table-top exercise – Liz Harton

On January 31st, there was a pandemic influenza table-top exercise.

Four evaluators were present at the exercise to provide feedback on strengths and gaps in plan.

Entities involved with the exercise:

- Bureau of Laboratories
- Bureau of Epidemiology
- Office of Public Health Preparedness
- Office of Legal Affairs

One of the identified gaps was communication between MDCH divisions and bureaus.

The “after action” report should be out and available soon.

Flu Gossip

Any talk about when private physicians could/would be involved with this type of table top exercise?

Private physicians that do good influenza planning with pre-booking, etc. are more prepared to handle a pandemic.

Web site reorganization is under way, led by Rachel Potter. Will be similar to CDC flu information, would go to Michigan.gov/flu and then you would have choices of Pandemic, Seasonal, and Avian Influenza.

Bob Swanson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm