

**Flu Advisory Board (FAB) Meeting  
August 15, 2007  
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST)**

**Welcome/List Attendees**

**Members in Attendance:**

Bob Swanson (MDCH); Pat Vranesich (MDCH); Liz Harton (MDCH/CDC); Rosemary Franklin (MDCH); Courtney McFeters (MDCH); JoEllen Wolicki (MDCH); Barbara Wolicki (MDCH); Terri Adams (MDCH); Rachel Potter (MDCH); Susan Vagasky (MDCH); Pat Krehn (Muskegon Co. HD); Carol Legwand (Children's Hospital of MI – CHM & Detroit Medical Center - DMC); Janice Arsenault (Wayne Co. Dept. PH); Patricia White (Oakland Co. HD); Jon Steketee (MedImmune); Mike Spencer (GlaxoSmithKline); Sonya Labreque (Sanofi Pasteur); Roger Richter (GlaxoSmithKline); Lori Bologna (Sanofi Pasteur); JoAnne Eakins (Ionia Co. HD); Kim Comerzan (Monroe Co. HD); JoAnn Hyde (Kalamazoo Co. HD); Gary Kirk (MDCH); Carolyn Bird (Oakland County Health Division); Howard Weinblatt (MI State Medical Society); Cassandra Burke (MHA); Teresa Holtrop (MIAAP); Joy Maloney (ICHD Ingham); Stephanie Simmons (Lapeer County HD); Charles Barone (MCAAP, HFHS, CHM)

**Members on the Phone:**

Karine Pawlicki (VNA SE); Dianne Miller (MI Pharmacists Association); Terri Lee Dyke (MDCH); Tara Green (Kroger); Beverly Piskorski (Greater Oakland VNA); Dianne McCagg (MPRO)

**Review of Minutes**

*Liz Harton*

- Minutes approved

**Subcommittee Updates**

*Liz Harton*

**Education & Communication (EC-FAB) Subcommittee**

*Courtney McFeters*

**“Michiganize” FluBytes**

- Want to include local ideas, events, and information
- Will give FluBytes a more “local” or Michigan-feel
- ACTION: E-mail Courtney with local clinics, ideas & strategies for 07-08 flu season, what your organization is planning on doing, etc.

### Shield of Excellence Subcommittee

- Recognize facilities with high HCP vaccination rates
- Need to determine criteria at EC-FAB & FAB meetings
  - Criteria for award
  - Measurement
  - Flu vaccination or all vaccinations
  - Improvement vs. total percent vaccinated
- Will differ for large facilities & health systems vs. small, private offices
- ACTION: Form new subcommittee/working group

### Public Vaccination of Leadership

- MDCH looking into publicly vaccinating key leadership & holding a press event
- ACTION: We strongly encourage all of our partners to conduct a similar event in their communities – vaccinate mayors, public health leadership, school board directors, etc.

### Press Release Development Subcommittee

- Communication Advisory Council for State of Michigan
- Strongly encouraged sending monthly press releases throughout the entire flu season; PIO (TJ Bucholz) to look at this
- Becky Blake (MSMS) will assist in developing seasonal flu press releases
- Multi-agencies in the medical community to lead the efforts

### Flu Fighters - Health Care Personnel Action Kit

- Encouraging HCP vaccination – flu & all vaccines
- Online & print version
- Templates for: standing orders, declination statements, talking points for managers, letter from administration, posters, table tents, check stuffers, strategies & best practices from NIC, NIVW ideas
- Promoted through outside groups – FAB, AIM, coalitions, and immz. partners
- EC-FAB SC approves this; will promote this kit
- Does FAB approve of promoting this kit? yes

### **Leadership & Deployment Subcommittee**

*Bob Swanson*

- No updates

### **Manufacturers/Shipping Updates/Other Updates as Requested**

#### *VFC Vaccine*

- This goes directly to the state and then the state distributes
- Currently, we don't have any in the depot

#### *Sanofi Pasteur*

- Started shipping; Monday first shipment in MI
- 12 hospitals and offices that will be receiving flu doses on Wednesday

- Expecting to have all 50 M doses out by October
- Partial shipments – give everyone some vaccine and then distribution points later in the season

#### *MedImmune/AstraZeneca*

- Started shipping in September; will continue through October
- Advisory was supposed to come through last week
- FDA is supposed to speed up the process

#### *GlaxoSmithKline*

- On track to start shipping in September
- Filled completely through October

#### *Novartis*

#### *Roche*

### **Distribution Timeline**

- Start vaccinating as soon as you get the vaccine
- With the earlier shipments think of those kids under 9 that need 2 doses
- Allows you to plan for these clinics and scale how long
- No guidance this year to say that you have to vaccinate high risk groups first
- When you get your vaccine start vaccinating
- Don't want to start vaccinating your elderly population in September with late flu peak
- Waning immunity – if vaccinate way too early than by March, how much immunity will they have?
- When should we vaccinate our elderly? Especially when they go to Florida?
- Pat Krehn – vaccinate back to school campaign with FluMist
- How many of you work closely with nursing homes?
- When would you start vaccinating your patients if the vaccine came early or on-time?
  - Health systems have prioritized recipients in the past and LTC is right at the top with HCW
  - Typically start in October
  - What will be the timeline for distributors to get their vaccine out?
  - Distributors doing partial shipments as well; those who order from distributor should be getting at the same time as manufacturers
- Beverly Pisorski (Greater Oakland VNA) – October 7<sup>th</sup> to start clinics
- Karine Pawlicki (VNA SE) – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October
  - Started with high risk groups but now business sites will start with October through December and even January if needed
- American Lung Association will be using Flu Clinic Locator
  - [www.flucliniclocator.org](http://www.flucliniclocator.org)
  - Already up and running and it is free
  - When your organization starts doing clinics, use this as a resource to get the word out
  - Spread out clinics through a community and not overlap and put on the same day

## **2007-08 ACIP Flu Recommendations**

- Prevention and Control of Influenza: 2007-2008 Recommendations (7/13/07), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, MMWR 56(RR06);1-54, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5606a1.htm>
- Working on updating influenza pocket guide

## **Clarification of 2nd Dose Recommendation**

- Pediatric 2-dose rule
- Created an educational handout to clarify which children need two doses and which don't
- Are two doses covered under insurance? It should be...age appropriate
- Posted at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940\\_2955\\_22779-122235--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955_22779-122235--,00.html) or [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu) --> seasonal flu --> NEW! 2007-08 Flu Season Information & Handouts

## **Immunization Nurse Education (INE) Flu Module Update**

- INE Module – Physician Peer Ed, Grand Rounds, Office format – 2007-2008 flu season now available
- Somebody gave grand rounds last week at Children's hospital – pictures from documentary on 1918 flu pandemic; appeared on public TV – it would be really great to have that available; PBS.org; PHIL – CDC has pictures of army camps in Kansas, flu wards; you have to hear the story behind it; we will look into tracking these pictures down

## **Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) Influenza Workgroup Draft Influenza Vaccination Principles**

- Ample supply of vaccine that comes out in timely manner
- Get vaccine out early to clinics with high risk patients
- Get earlier to this group than to retailers
- However retailers see high risk patients also – trying to even the playing field
- Media campaign – consistent media campaigns that don't talk about timing of vaccine, just that you need to get vaccinated
- Legislation not be passed dealing with flu vaccine – California any thimerosal-containing vaccine not be given to kids now have issues with getting enough vaccine – could throw a wrench into things
- Share data on distribution from mfg and distributors; we know at the state level the number of vaccines that were given in a private clinic at a certain county
- Pass universal recommendation through the age of 18 as opposed to age of 6
  - Is there enough vaccine?
  - Are resources available to vaccinate these kids?
  - If ACIP makes this recommendation, it wouldn't affect VFC vaccine
  - Stronger encouragement to make sure anyone under 18 gets vaccine

## **Vaccine Storage and Handling; Clinic Regulation & Monitoring**

- Karine Pawlicki (VNA) – use coolers; utilizing thermometers; all nurses are trained to keep the cold chain; do use the AIM TK log
- Dianne McCagg – routine check – not uncommon process in pharmacies because other drugs they do have to monitor
- Tara Green (Kroger) – daily log sheet on fridge; required to check the temp log for vaccines and other drugs as well; twice a day
- There is training that occurs with these groups on storage and handling; created in conjunction with CDC
- Could conduct a survey to see who is doing what with storage and handling; send out to all of the different groups
- Thanks for the Community Vaccinator's Forum; good opportunity to get involved and work with various groups
- FluMist is in the fridge this year not in the freezer; if it is in the freezer it is not any good; data on freeze/frost cycles – is this viable when you freeze it? Need to wait until the study is done; CDC will work with FDA to get through MedImmune; call the manufacturer and get guidance from them; the message right now is fridge and we will get back with you
- Volume of flu vaccine that will need to be refrigerated – offices need to have a place to store all of their vaccines
- All the flu vaccine for this season will come through the vaccine depot; McKesson doesn't start up until next year/season
- A suggestion that we put an invite to CDC – someone from their flu branch or NCIRD flu staff – if they would be interested in having them sit in on these calls – when questions came up they could give a quick response; suggestion for the future

## **National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW): November 26 – December 2, 2007**

- This event is designed to highlight the importance of continuing influenza (flu) vaccination, as well as foster greater use of flu vaccine through the months of November, December and beyond.
- This year, Tuesday November 27, 2007, is set aside as Children's Flu Vaccination Day, with a focus on vaccinating high-risk children. Each year, over 20,000 children under age 5 are hospitalized as a result of influenza. This day will help raise awareness about the value of vaccinating children—especially high-risk children—and their close contacts.
- Now posted on CDC's website:
  - Media toolkit, Podcasts, Ecards, PSAs, and more...
  - National, Regional, and State Events
  - Tell us about your vaccination activity, media event, or campaign.
  - NIVW Logo
- CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw/index.htm>
- NIVS [www.preventinfluenza.org](http://www.preventinfluenza.org)
- Public Health Information Conference in Atlanta – presented on Influenza Vaccine Exchange Network (IVEN)
- Don't have the final numbers on how much vaccine is being returned through the VFC program, but it was quite a bit

**Next FAB Meeting: November 28, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.**