

**Physician Advisory Committee (PAC)
of the San Diego Immunization Branch (SDIB)
Meeting Minutes**

Our mission: Reduce vaccine-preventable diseases by raising immunization coverage rates of all San Diego County residents

Website: www.sdiz.org

Date: May 5, 2010

Time: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Place: Harbor Room

Attendees: Janet Battey, MD; Linda Bethel, PHN; Patty Dahl, PHN; Liz Dodson, RN; Kimberly Ralston; Mark Sawyer, MD; Mark Shalauta, MD; John Tueller, MD; Heidi Unruh, PHN; Daniel Wurm & Josef Zwass, MD

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	<i>Dr. Sawyer</i> welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
Updates & Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIC Update – The theme was lessons learned from H1N1 and how to improve on distribution of vaccine in the future. There is interest in using schools for more routine settings not just pandemic situations for flu immunizations. Financing may be an issue. Department of Education is interested in school based immunizations as well as CDC. H1N1 vaccine safety – Large databases are being looked at. Monitoring real time events and look for side affects especially guillen burre syndrome. One vaccine for flu and H1N1. Flu doses for children under age 9 will remain the same regardless of H1N1. • H1N1 Activity – Nothing new to report. Still some small activity around the country. Still a lot of vaccine left and there are still some a small number of groups giving vaccine. • Rotarix and Porcine Circovirus – Porcine Circovirus was discovered in Rotarix and vaccine was suspended temporarily. FDA was supposed to meet last week and we have not heard final conclusion. CDC isn't too concerned about it. • New Vaccines: Cervarix – company claims it has higher antibody levels and cross protection of serogroups that are not in the vaccine. Menveo – The vaccine is pretty similar to Menactra so just pick which one you like, just make sure you are giving the Meningococcal vaccine. PCV13 – Kaiser is about to receive it. Scripps has it and has been using it for about a month. Kids who got fully immunized with Prevnar should get one dose if they're under age 5. There will now be more discussion about older asthmatic kids. Asthmatics have an increased risk of hospitalization. There may be a recommendation in next year that all asthmatic children no matter how old should get PCV13.
Pertussis Disease Rates in California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates in California are up significantly. San Diego rates look to be increased as well. • Strong interest in pushing Tdap in adult populations. Especially post partum Tdap administration to women who just delivered

& San Diego	<p>as well as having hospitals possibly extend vaccine to whole family. We want Tdap to become the norm, make sure emergency rooms are using Tdap instead of Td. Healthcare workers waiting two years after Td to receive Tdap is a soft recommendation. But if there is an outbreak at the health care facility that can be shortened. Two years is the general standard. ACIP Pertussis work group is discussing data and might recommend going down to one year interval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post partum Tdap – Some hospitals are trying to enact it. Administration to fathers or siblings is an issue, because they aren't the patient. The might refer them to other clinics to get. How fast does immunity wain? 10 year recommendation may be looked at in the next year or two. More data will need to be analyzed because the vaccine has only been out for 5 years. They may need to analyze first group of people who got Tdap.
Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal implications are not yet known. Not too many policies have been brought to the legal system at the higher courts. Healthcare worker immunization can be mandated. Specifics of policy may have to be negotiated with the union if there is a union contract. The union will not be able to say that hospitals can't do this. There are options such as: wearing a mask, possibly take antivirals during flu season and being reassigned so you don't have patient contact. As long as there are alternative options presented to the person who doesn't want to get immunized and that these were negotiated with the union, the union will not be able to prevent a mandatory policy. • Meetings are set up to try to get CEOs on board as well as infection control, occupational health and med society. Dr. Sawyer encouraged everyone to spread the word and use their influence where it may be needed.
Current Legislations Related to Immunization Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly Bill 354 – This is the second attempt to clean up language about pertussis vaccination. The current language says you can not give the pertussis vaccination above age 7. It will hopefully lead to a mandate for giving pertussis at middle school. It will also give more authority to the state department of health to institute regulations in order to make a middle school mandate. It might not go through and finish until 2014. Bill is being held up over financial concerns. • Assembly Bill 977 – This will allow pharmacists to immunize adults without a physician protocol oversight. Right now pharmacists give vaccine under physician's guidance and protocol. This will remove requirement only for influenza and adults. This may enhance interest and ability of pharmacists to give vaccine. • Bill AB2903 – This will set up reimbursement for cost of vaccine and administration fees. This bill is stalled because of impact on state budget concerns and the state is reluctant to get into the middle of free enterprise and set prices that currently operate on a free enterprise system. They are telling doctors they need to be better negotiators with the manufacturers. • There is a health information technology push for private offices to be electronic. Lots of money is going into motivation to be electronic and hook up to registries and pharmacies. • There is a large grant coming to community clinics to enhance their electronic connectedness.
Registry Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Cordon is no longer with the Immunization Branch and has moved to Florida. Heidi DeGuzman is temporarily taken over her duties while the county is recruiting people. Everything has been going well with the registry. This is just a transition phase.
San Diego Immunization Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns for vaccine safety concerns are trying to use more effective methods to communicate with the public on why vaccines are important and why people value vaccines. Local coalition is still active and is looking for new members. The coalition is working on perception of vaccines in the community. Trying to get accurate and positive information out there. • I Choose Campaign – Groups of individuals state why they got themselves or their families immunized. Idea is encourage more people to do these and patients may stumble across someone they know or have the same situation. You just need to

	<p>upload picture to a website and add your text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shot by Shot Campaign – People that have been affected by vaccine preventable disease and share their story on short video clips similar to You Tube. This is the counter to autism videos that claim their kid was harmed by vaccine. We need to use personal and emotional stories to tell our side of the vaccine issue. These videos are compared to the anti vaccine side who use the emotional aspect. We need to try to find patients interested in telling their story. More stories are needed. You can put the information up in your office or inform certain patients about it. It has the possibility to become very powerful. They do interconnect with other national organizations which are doing similar ideas.• Letters to the Editor - Working on collecting draft letters to the editor that could be sent out when certain vaccine issues come up in the community. These can be modified and submitted to suit different situations.• Speakers Bureau – Pertussis effort is trying to get people to go out and speak to different physician groups, hospital groups, infection committee groups, etc. Those interested can be provided with information by the coalition on identifying places where to speak and information to share.
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Next Meeting: July 6, 2010