



Minutes

QUARTERLY CALL ADULT IMMUNIZATION COORDINATORS

November 8, 2011

2:00-3:30 EST

Welcome Debbye Rosen provided the welcome and facilitated the first part of the call. This is the final all coordinators call for 2011. The dates for 2012: Jan 3, April 3, July 10, Oct 2, are included here.

All calls are from 2-3:30 pm eastern time

CDC update

- Dr. Carolyn Bridges informed the group that in collaboration with the National Vaccine Advisory Group (NVAC), there will be an Adult Immunization Summit, in May 2012 in Atlanta. The summit will be scheduled for a day and half prior to the Influenza Summit. Additional information on the content and registration will be forthcoming.
- LaDora Woods reviewed the results of the survey monkey sent out to all adult immunization coordinators. LaDora will provide a written summary for the coordinators (see attached).

Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) coalition project

- Teresa Anderson- from Immunization Action Coalition reported on a project that IAC has been working on to quantify the number of immunization coalitions across the country. She reported on the numbers of coalitions that are just adult coalitions, as well as the total number of immunization coalitions that may address both adults and children or just children. IAC is also attempting to coordinate resources for coalitions (see attached). There are conference calls (education and training themes), a list-serve for distribution of relevant coalition information and a "chat" room that coalitions can receive advice for problems or issues they are dealing with.

Two States' Experiences with Coalitions Two states were asked to present information on their adult coalitions

- The Arizona presenter did not attend the call.
- Melissa Ponce, Illinois Adult Immunization Coalition, reported that their coalition is an adult immunizations and maternal and child health coalition. The coalition is coordinated with the statewide Quality Improvement Organization. In the Question and Answer section, several recurring coalition themes were brought up: 1) Retention of members- methods to keep members interested, geographical diversity, and funding of coalitions. Melissa stated that they have asked coalition members to share the reasons for their organization's participation in the coalition. She also noted that their coalition does choose topics for their meetings and arranges presentations on those topics. Recent topics included influenza and HPV; past speakers discussed hep A and B, MMR and Tdap, and billing and reimbursement issues. They are fortunate to have Albertson's as a strong partner and their coalition meets bimonthly. Melissa discussed a tool-kit project being developed and distributed in her coalition. Donna Lazorik, MA, described a method they use to determine what projects their coalition will address. The project should be feasible, measurable and have a high impact potential. MA had a project that addressed high risk adult vaccination rates. Donna asked each coalition member to come up with one way that each of them could contribute to the project and be held accountable for reporting on the progress on their contribution. Sandy Allen, North Carolina, reported on an educational opportunity they provided for their coalition on social marketing. Ideas for motivating coalition members were discussed. Carlie Shurtliff, Utah, noted that in their coalition members are asked to do a short presentation on their organization and an End of Year survey assessing the coalition activities was done, which included a question about suggested topics or projects. Columba Fernandez, Washington State, provided information about a distance-learning course project (STARS) for adult immunizations that is being done in Washington. It is an

online course for CME credit that is designed to improve providers' adult immunization practices. Columba provided a brief project overview and link for more information that will be forwarded to the group with the minutes.

Other Items (Carlie)

- Dates for 2012 adult coordinators' call were announced. They are: Jan 3, April 3, July 10, Oct 2 at 2:00-3:30 EST
- A brief overview of the NAICP executive committee elections policy was provided. It was noted that the Executive committee would finalized the policy draft at their next meeting and bring the proposed draft to the whole group for approval at the next quarterly meeting.
- Wrap Up - A request for additional discussion or questions about coalition activities was made. No further comments or questions were made and the meeting was adjourned early.

Next NAICP All-Members Quarterly Call: January 3, 2012 2-3:30 EST

Topic: Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations of residents and health care workers in Long term Care Facilities

2011 Adult Immunization Coordinators Partnering Survey

The adult immunization coordinators partnering survey went out to all adult immunization coordinators in early August.

There were 38 fully completed surveys (43 responses with five of those being incomplete).

The survey went out to 63 states or jurisdictions.

60% response rate

# of states/jurisdictions	Total # of responses	# of incomplete responses	# of complete responses	Response rate
63	43	5	38	60.32%

37% has a full-time adult coordinator with only one state having a coordinator who spends 100% of their time on adult immunization activities. On average the coordinators spend 38% of their time on adult immunization activities (range: 1-100%)

63% has no full-time adult immunization coordinator and spends on average 12 hours per week on adult immunization activities.

Collaborations and partnerships

Most common partnership types	% of states who collaborate (top 5)
STD clinics/HIV clinics	86.5%
Community health centers	75.7%
Primary care medical providers or provider orgs	73.0%
Hospitals	70.3%
Correctional facilities	70.3%

87.2% have or work with one or more immunization coalitions and 93.9% of those work on adult activities.

71.1% collaborates with pharmacies or community vaccinators at this time. 41.7% of those who are not collaborating with pharmacies or community vaccinators at this time indicated that there were prior attempts to form this type of collaboration.

Major barriers faces while working with pharmacies and/or community vaccinators were:

Billing/reimbursement issues

IIS issues

Pharmacy vs. the medical home

Funding
Limited vaccines
Vaccine costs
Lack of incentives
Training
Age restraints

31.6% of programs enroll pharmacists as VFC providers.

Pharmacists are able to enter data the IIS registries in 65.8% of the programs.

On average 1.93 people currently work on adult immunization activities in the programs compared to 1.68 persons three years ago.

71.1% of the programs purchase vaccine for underinsured or uninsured adults.

32.4% responded that they purchase more doses of vaccines for adults and 43.2% responded that their program purchases fewer doses of vaccines for adults with 81.3% and 43.8% of these respondents sighting "a reduction in 317 funds" and "a reduction in state funds" as reasons, respectively.

71.1% state that the program's budget has impacted adult immunization activities for the following reasons:

- Decrease in funding doesn't allow the program to fill Adult Immunization Coordinator position or hire new staff creating limited staff time/resources.
- Reduction in funding results in less adult outreach efforts and adult immunization promotion.
- With no funds for adult immunization activities means that adult activities are not a requirement and therefore not a priority.
- Reduced funds create the inability to provide vaccine (purchasing and distributing).
- Cannot reach the at-risk populations and provide hepatitis A & B vaccines.

57.9% of respondents attended the 2011 National Immunization Conference (NIC) hosted by CDC with 59.5% having program support to travel to the NIC.

73.7% of the programs work with their state/jurisdiction's BRFSS coordinator regarding the immunization survey questions on the BRFSS survey.

59.5% of the programs have other ways besides the BRFSS to measure adult vaccine coverage as specified below:

- State immunization registry
- VACMAN reports of vaccine distribution
- Medicare billing data
- Program surveys
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
- National Influenza Survey

IAC's Coalitions Network (and other projects and resources of interest to adult immunization coordinators)

Coalitions network project

During the past six months, IAC has undertaken the task of building a national network of immunization coalitions. Activities:

- Conducted an analysis of the landscape of U.S. immunization coalitions and confirmed 207 coalitions via email. Still working on confirming the viability of about 50 other coalitions.
- Collected contact information for leaders each of these coalitions.
- Identified more than 135 immunization coalitions in 42 states that have their own websites. We have placed links for all of them on IAC's Directory of Immunization Resources web section at www.immunize.org/resources/coalitions-websites.asp so these coalitions will be able to locate each other and learn from each other's programs.
- Implemented an email discussion group for coalition leaders where immunization policy issues and other matters of interest to coalitions are discussed. Currently there are 167 members of the listserv.
- Implemented periodic conference phone calls for coalition leaders to discuss topics of interest and learn from national and state experts on current issues. Topics have included new ACIP recommendations, the National Influenza Vaccine Summit and influenza resources from CDC and IAC, the National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions in May 2012, and more. Currently, we have 461 coalition leaders on our mailing list for such opportunities. Starting in September, we began mailing out minutes after the meeting to provide valuable information and resources to people who weren't able to be on the call.
- Used the coalition mailing list to send out important announcements such as a message from the Office of Minority Health, HHS.
- Maintain a national database of immunization coalitions at www.izcoalitions.org where more than 190 immunization coalitions have posted information about their coalition's work. This website was started years ago (before the current project) and not all the information is up to date.

During the upcoming months, IAC will

- Continue to offer educational opportunities to coalition leaders, such as conference calls with national experts every 6-8 weeks.
- Update our izcoalitions.org website with new information from this project, making it a more comprehensive resource.
- Distribute a survey to every verified immunization coalition to learn more about them, including their contact information, their leadership, number of members, specific interest areas and activities, and to ascertain the coalitions' needs and how IAC might be able to help them.

Take-away message:

If you would like to be added to the coalition discussion listserv, email me at tanderson@immunize.org. Likewise, email me if you would just like to be added to our mailing list for immunization coalition announcements about conference calls and other opportunities.

Other projects and resources of interest to adult immunization coordinators

Publications

Needle Tips* and *Vaccinate Adults

These publications are now published 4x/year in electronic form only. You can either download the entire issue in ready-to-print (PDF) format or read the pages online, which has the advantage of providing live links to references. *Vaccinate Adults* is targeted to adult providers, such internal medicine specialists, cardiologists, pulmonologists, infectious disease specialists, occupational medicine specialists, nephrologists, and geriatricians.

<http://www.immunize.org/nt>

<http://www.immunize.org/va>

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IAC Express

IACX provides up-to-date information about new ACIP and AAP vaccine recommendations, new FDA vaccine approvals, newly released VISs and translations, new immunization resources from IAC and other organizations, continuing education opportunities and conferences, and more.

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To view current and past issues: <http://www.immunize.org/express>

Websites

www.immunize.org

Launched in 1994, and just redesigned a few months ago, this website serves over 12,000 visitors a day. Of special interest:

- Handouts for patients and healthcare professionals: <http://www.immunize.org/handouts>
- "Ask the Experts" with Q&As from CDC immunization experts: <http://www.immunize.org/askexperts>

www.vaccineinformation.org

This website for patients, parents, providers, and the media presents straightforward information about vaccine-preventable diseases and their vaccines. Launched in August 2002, it currently serves about 8,000 visitors per day.

Handouts of special interest to adult patients and their providers

For healthcare professionals

Summary of Recommendations for Adult Immunization

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2011.pdf>

This is a 'cheat sheet' that includes indications for vaccination, recommended schedule and minimum intervals, and contraindications and precautions.

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2017.pdf>

Administering Vaccines to Adults: Dose, Route, Site, Needle Size, and Preparation

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3084.pdf>

Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines in Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3072.pdf>

How to Administer IM and SC Vaccine Injections to Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2020a.pdf>

Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions in Adult Patients

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3082.pdf>

Vaccine Administration Record for Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2023.pdf>

Screening Questionnaire for Adult Immunization

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065.pdf>

We also have this screening questionnaire in translation, plus specific screening questionnaires for influenza and hepatitis vaccination at <http://www.immunize.org/handouts/screening-vaccines.asp>.

Sample standing orders for all routine vaccines can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/standing-orders>

You can order free laminated provider pocket guides for influenza and PPSV vaccination at <http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides>

For patients

Vaccinations for Adults... You're NEVER too old to get immunized!

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030.pdf>

VISs in English and up to 40 languages: <http://www.immunize.org/vis>