

National Adult Immunization Coordinators' Partnership

January 4, 2011; 2:00 - 3:30 PM EST

Conference Call Minutes

Carlie Shurtliff, UT, Co-Chair, opened and facilitated the meeting.

CDC Update: LaDora Woods (CDC) reported that the 2011 Adult Immunization Schedule is scheduled to be published February 11 in the MMWR. CDC is still soliciting comments on the data collection tool that is being used to collect data on hospital employee flu vaccination rates. If you have comments on the tool, please contact LaDora Woods at Lwoods1@cdc.gov or 404-639-6338. Also, you can contact LaDora if you are interested on being on the email list for the National Influenza Vaccine Summit.

New ACIP Recommendations for Tdap: Jennifer Liang (CDC) reported the new Tdap recommendations are scheduled to be published January 14. The new recommendations reflect data collected since the last pertussis recommendations and remove barriers to pertussis vaccination by eliminating the intervals between Tdap and a previous dose of Td. The new recommendations include:

- Adolescents should receive a one-time dose of Tdap (instead of Td) at the 11- to 12-year-old visit.
- Adolescents and adults younger than age 65 years who have not received a dose of Tdap, or for whom vaccine status is unknown, should be immunized as soon as feasible. Adults age 65 years and older who have not previously received a dose of Tdap, and who have or anticipate having close contact with children younger than age 12 months (e.g., grandparents, other relatives, child care providers, and healthcare personnel), should receive a one-time dose to protect infants.
- Other adults 65 years and older who are not in contact with an infant, and who have not previously received a dose of Tdap, may receive a single dose of Tdap in place of a dose of Td..
- Children ages 7 - 10 years who are not fully immunized against pertussis (i.e., did not complete a series of pertussis-containing vaccine before their 7th birthday) should receive a one-time dose of Tdap.

The Tdap Work Group of the ACIP is planning to discuss Tdap for pregnant women and revaccination with Tdap at future meetings.

Tdap Cocooning: Karen Szymanski, Project Director for The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) discussed the Tdap Cocooning Project in Arizona. Slides and other materials from the discussion will be distributed to Adult Immunization Coordinators. A survey was conducted to determine the level of Tdap vaccination occurring for post-partum mothers presently in Arizona hospitals. TAPI developed a toolkit with materials, including posters, flyers, and a video. Staff conducted educational efforts with WIC program staff, community health center staff, child care center staff, hospital staff, community groups and women's groups.

A major strength of the program is the strong coalition and many partners involved in the project. A major challenge is the cost of the vaccine. Hospitals are reimbursed on a per capita basis for deliveries and are not reimbursed for vaccine. A number of states have used ARRA funds, or a combination of ARRA and 317 funds, for Tdap, but ARRA funds are running out. Hope was expressed that there will be a 317 program for Tdap vaccine, similar to the 317 hepatitis B project. While mothers can potentially be vaccinated in the hospital prior to discharge, it is a challenge to find vaccine, and vaccination sites, for other family members and caregivers of the infant.

Several coordinators mentioned the use of coupons or vouchers for Tdap vaccine for close contacts of a newborn—with most vaccine for the coupons/vouchers being purchased using ARRA funds. It was also suggested that regulations be amended to allow hospitals to bill separately for Tdap vaccine post delivery, so that the reimbursement provides more incentive for hospitals to adopt vaccine cocooning practices.

National Immunization Conference: The National Immunization Conference will be held March 28 - 31 in Washington, D.C. The NAICP will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, March 29. Debbye Rosen (CT) will be sending out a quick survey to get an estimate of the number of folks who plan to attend. If you have a suggestion for a speaker at the luncheon, or a specific topic, please contact Debbye Rosen at debbye.rosen@ct.gov.

The next NAICP conference call is scheduled for:

**Tuesday, June 7, 2011
2:00 - 3:30
Topic: Pneumococcal vaccination**

Other meetings in 2011:

August 30, 2011 - NAICP conference call

November 8, 2011 - NAICP conference call