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Universal cCMV Screening Working Group
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
9:30 – 10: 30 AM

Working Group Members

Present: Jody Terranova, DO, MPA (Chair), Nancy A. Louis, MD, FAAP, Carlos R. Oliveira, MD, PhD, Ashley C. Howard, DO, FAAP, Jafar H. Razeq, Ph.D., HCLD/PHLD (ABB), Debra Ellis, RN, BSN, Adrienne Manning, Marie Burlette, RN, BSN, MPH, and Amaka Atuegbu

Absent: Scott Schoem, MD, MBA, FAAP, Thomas Murray MD, PhD, FAAP, and John Lamb

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was held via Teams and Dr. Terranova called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Dr. Terranova welcomed the group and called on members to introduce themselves.
 - b. Dr. Terranova introduced members who were unavailable to attend the meeting: Scott Schoem, MD, MBA, FAAP; Thomas Murray, MD, PhD, FAAP; John Lamb.
- III. Public Comment
 - a. Dr. Terranova opened the floor for public comment and welcomed remarks from Rep. John-Michael Parker. Rep. Parker noted that public testimony from families impacted by cCMV and health care providers drove the cCMV legislation in Connecticut. Rep. Parker also thanked the members for their participation in the working group.
- IV. DPH Presentation
 - a. Amaka Atuegbu presented an overview of universal cCMV screening programs in other jurisdictions, including Minnesota, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.
- V. New Business
 - a. Subgroups and discussion of implementation considerations
 - Dr. Terranova outlined the Working Group's tasks and timeline and noted that the role of the group is not to be prescriptive in how providers practice medicine but to provide guidelines for health practitioners. The

tasks include treatment for positive asymptomatic newborns, best practices for universal screening, planning for implementation and follow up, and education for health care providers and vulnerable populations.

- Regarding the task on treatment for positive asymptomatic newborns, Dr. Howard recommended a revision to include intervention, such as additional hearing screen, since treatment denotes a medication. Dr. Terranova noted that the wording is per legislation, but the group can recommend a revision in its report.
- Dr. Oliveira asked the reason for the group's focus on asymptomatic newborns. Dr. Terranova noted that the legislation stated consideration of only asymptomatic newborns and reiterated the need for the Department of Public Health to not be prescriptive. Dr. Terranova also noted that the group can go beyond the legislative focus and include any additional guidelines in its findings.
- Dr. Oliveira asked about assessment of cCMV policy impact in the legislation. Dr. Terranova stated that the Connecticut legislation does not include an assessment, but the group can recommend participation in the CDC's surveillance network.

b. Topic for next meeting

- For the November meeting, the education subgroup will present on education for health care providers and vulnerable populations. Members will discuss the presentation and adopt education recommendations

c. Set regular meeting dates

- DPH will send a meeting poll for November and December. These will be one-hour meetings.
- TBD: scheduling standing meetings for January – April 2024. These will be one and half hour meetings.

VI. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.