

**Immunization School/Facility/College Law Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2010**

**Voting Members Present:**

Kim Bartholomew, Oregon School Nurses Association  
Judy Booker, Oregon Association of Child Care Directors  
Rita Chee, OHSU/Oregon College Health Association  
Leslie Currin, Oregon Department of Education  
Jeanne Kotsakis, Child Care Division  
Jan Sanderson, Oregon Association of Education Service Districts

**Voting Members Joining By Conference Call:**

Merrily Haas, Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children  
Marilyn Herbst, Eastern Oregon Head Start  
Karyn Walker, Local Health Department -Linn County

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Paul Cieslak, Program Manager, Acute & Communicable Disease Program, OPHD  
Stacy de Assis Matthews, Health Educator, Immunization Section, OPHD  
Lorraine Duncan, Program Manager, Immunization Section, OPHD  
Jacki Nixon, Immunization Section, OPHD

**Guests Present:** No guests were present.

**Chairperson:** Lorraine Duncan

**Recorder:** Jacki Nixon

**Minutes from March 11, 2010:** Minutes were approved.

**Updates:**

School Exclusion data for school year 2009-10 were submitted to CDC at the end of April. Two graphs were presented, "Percent of Children with School/Children's Facility Required Vaccines, 2010" and "Religious Exemption Rates, 2000-2010." Seventh grade rates exceeded 95% for school-required vaccines except Tdap at 93%. Kindergarten and children's facilities rates were around 95% for most vaccines, with a few falling below 95% this year. The percent of kindergartners with two doses of hepatitis A vaccine increased from 75% last year to 85% this year. Religious exemption rates have been increasing over the past ten years. This is the first year that children's facility and kindergarten religious exemption rates

have been above 5% and 7<sup>th</sup> grade above 4%. Religious exemptions data include exemptions signed for one or more school/children's facility required vaccines. The Oregon Immunization Program is moving toward the goal of collecting religious exemption data by antigen. The Immunization Program is in the process of extending contracts to approved school computer tracking systems to make changes to report religious exemption data by antigen.

### **Immunization Primary Review Summary:**

Changes to the forms suggested at the previous meeting were presented to the Advisory Committee. Paul Cieslak made several wording suggestions that will be incorporated into the final versions of the documents. Kim Bartholomew commented that she shared the forms with her secretary, and she reported that the format and wording were understandable and clear.

### **College Measles Requirements:**

A survey was sent out through the Oregon College Health Association to gather input about the college measles requirements. Only six responses have been received so far, so the survey is being resent. Feedback from the survey will be shared via email or at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

### **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest:**

A suggestion was made to move the declaration of conflicts of interest to prior to voting so as to include committee members who arrive late. The Structure and Guidelines document adopted on December 9, 2009, will be revised to reflect this change. No conflicts of interest declared for members of the Advisory Committee present.

### **Review of Meningococcal Vaccine Against Twelve Criteria for School/Facility/College Immunization Requirements:**

The Advisory Committee discussed the document for reviewing meningococcal vaccine against the criteria.

Comments: A question was asked about how much impact the requirement would have. Because there are few cases of meningococcal disease, and the vaccine protects against the serogroups of bacteria causing about half of Oregon's cases, a requirement would prevent very few cases and deaths in the school/college age group recommended to receive the vaccine.

After discussion, no changes were made to the final document. A motion was made to not to add meningococcal vaccine as a school requirement at this time. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **Review of Influenza Vaccine Against Twelve Criteria for School/Facility/College Immunization Requirements:**

The Advisory Committee discussed the document for reviewing influenza vaccine against the criteria.

Comments: Influenza has a high attack rate and causes high amounts of morbidity and mortality in the population compared to other vaccine preventable diseases.

Tracking influenza immunization for all children annually would present logistical, time, and financial challenges to schools. A question was asked if there has ever been a survey done in Oregon to look at public attitudes towards a school influenza vaccination requirement, and there have been none to our knowledge.

After discussion, no changes were made to the final document. A motion was made to not to add influenza vaccine as a school/children's facility requirement at this time. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **Review of Rotavirus Vaccine Against Twelve Criteria for School/Facility/College Immunization Requirements:**

The Advisory Committee discussed the document for reviewing rotavirus vaccine against the criteria.

Comments: A requirement for rotavirus would affect very few children, as the vaccine is only recommended up to 8 months of age and should not be started after 15 weeks of age. Only a small number of children this young attend certified daycare where exclusion is enforced. A natural infection with rotavirus doesn't necessarily confer protection against rotavirus as children can have multiple episodes of rotavirus infection.

After discussion, no changes were made to the final document. A motion was made to not to add rotavirus vaccine as a children's facility requirement at this time. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.