

Vaccine Advisory Committee Minutes
January 14, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Item

VAC video and audio recording

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Welcome and Call to Order: Nhu To-Haynes, *Facilitator*

OHA Staff:

- Rachael Banks
- Cara Biddlecom
- Kristen Darmody
- Leann Johnson
- Jameela Norton
- Lisa Rau
- Shimi Sharief
- Dean Sidelinger
- Patty Unfred

Committee Members Present:

Zhenya Abbruzzese	Dolores Martinez
Marin Arreola	Sandra McDonough
Shawn Baird	DeLeesa Meashintubby
Daysi Bedolla Soletto	Kristin Milligan
Cherity Bloom-Miller	Musse Olo
Nanette Carter-Jafri	Kalani Raphael
George Conway	Christine Sanders
Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	Tsering Sherpa
Aileen Duldulao	Laurie Skokan
Derick DuVivier	Sue Steward
Kelly Gonzales	Leslie Sutton
Ruth Gulyas	Maleka Taylor
Safina Koreishi	Debra Whitefoot
Maria Loreda	

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<p><u>COVID-19 data and vaccine sequencing review</u></p> <p><i>Dr. Dean Sidelinger and Dr. Shimi Sharief, Oregon Health Authority</i></p> <p><i>Slideshow: COVID-19 cases and deaths by population groups</i></p> <p>Dean gave a slideshow overview of COVID effects on Oregon populations. Communities have a higher death rate in the following categories: age group; race & ethnicity. Hospitalizations increase as age increases.</p> <p>He compared this to the national data on COVID-19 hospitalization and death by age, and national data on death by race and ethnicity.</p> <p>Shimi discussed some high-risk medical conditions for severe COVID-19, including: cancer; weakened immune system; kidney disease; lung disease; developmental and neurological conditions; heart disease; liver disease; blood disorders; diabetes, smoking; overweight; obesity; and pregnancy. Some high-risk workplaces to contract the virus include: hospitals and outpatient clinics; correctional facilities; food processing plants; agriculture and nurseries, construction; and waste management. She noted that a lot of disproportionality is seen in marginalized populations.</p>	00:04:52
<p><u>Committee Members discussion</u></p> <p>Rachael stated VAC’s purpose. We have established groups 1A (health care, long-term care, first responders, people with disabilities) and 1B so far (0-12 staff and educators and adults 65+.) At the end of the line we have everyone else in the population. VAC will recommend who falls into the group between current 1B and</p>	00:21:02

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<p>the general population. She made the commitment for OHA that the decision from VAC will go to the Governor.</p> <p>The request was made for questions on vaccine distribution be moved to next Tuesday's meeting so that today's focus could be on sequencing.</p> <p>Washington State's vaccine response was viewed and discussed, and Shimi pointed out differences between Washington's and Oregon's plan. Nhu clarified that the Washington chart was just an example, not a mandate.</p> <p>There was a great deal of discussion about who the next groups to be immunized should be. The list below was compiled and a vote was called for.</p>	
<p><u>Results</u></p> <p>The committee agreed to recommend the following additional groups for prioritization in Phase 1b, in no particular order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Historically underserved communities of color (especially Black/African American/African Immigrant, Hispanic/Latino/a/x and Pacific Islanders) and Indigenous, Tribal and urban based American Indian/Alaska Natives. In short, the people who experience the impacts of racism and health disparity on a daily basis and are currently experiencing the highest rates of COVID-19 in the state. *- Refugee populations- Adults 16-64 with chronic conditions- Adults and youth over 16 in custody- Frontline workers not already in Phase 1a or 1b (these will be defined later)- Adults living in multi-generational homes over a certain (age to be determined)	01:56:50

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<p>- People under the age of 65 living in low income senior housing and other congregate senior housing</p> <p><u>* Language represents notes taken during the meeting; suggested changes will be addressed in next meeting.</u></p> <p>OHA committed to reviewing the legal and operational considerations for the prioritized groups and will bring these considerations to the January 21 meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Committee next steps and closing</u> <i>Nhu To-Haynes, Facilitator</i></p> <p>At subsequent meetings, the VAC will review vaccine distribution plans, community engagement and plans to address vaccine hesitancy. They will make further recommendations using the identified Phase 1b groups as the starting point, and will discuss legal and operational considerations that will be brought forth by OHA.</p> <p>The next optional information session will be held Tuesday, January 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the next formal VAC meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 10 a.m. to noon.</p>	02:00:43
<p><u>Adjourn</u></p>	02:04:00

Next meeting:

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