

Chair: Aaron Dunn

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1- 3 PM
Portland State Office Building
Room 1E
800 NE Oregon St. Portland

Webinar:
<http://healthoregon.adobeconnect.com/schoollaw/>
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Voting Members Attending: Suzanne McClintick, MD, Kathryn Eisenbarth, Sasha Grenier, Jan Larsen, RN, Paul Lewis, MD, Ann Occhi, Ely Sanders, Sara Sterns and Karyn Walker.

Non-Voting Members Attending: Paul Cieslak, Stacy de Assis Matthews, Aaron Dunn, Mallory Metzger, Jamie Smith, Anne VanCuren and Collette Young

Introductions and declaration of conflict of interest

Forms were distributed. Members to return form to Stacy de Assis Matthews.
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Hepatitis A—discussion of potential removal of phase-in schedule and vote

A further discussion of the proposal from the previous meeting to remove the phase-in of the Hepatitis A vaccine requirement and have the vaccine be required for all grades in the 2018-19 school year.

Discussion:

Initially, there was concern with school staff about the short timeline before the start of school. Most would be OK with removal of phase-in now.

A required vaccine for 11th and 12th grade would be an additional challenge for students at-risk of dropping out if excluded from school. Would schools be able to support that group of kids? If excluded, would students be more likely not to return to school?

Currently, the incidence of hepatitis A in Oregon is low.

An informal survey of pediatricians came out in favor of removing the phase-in. Students in rural counties may have less access to vaccines.

Vote results:

Yes – 4

No – 4

Abstain – 1

Pending a review by the Committee chair regarding rules addressing a tied vote, the measure does not pass.

[Follow-up: The Committee charter says the following: *Such recommendations become a Committee recommendation when more than one half of the votes are cast in favor of the recommendation.* The Committee chair confirms the measure does not pass.]

Potential administrative rules changes:

Three changes are proposed:

1. As schools are moving towards electronic registration and recordkeeping in lieu of paper copies, this change to the rules is intended to clarify that electronic documents and signatures are permissible for immunization records and reports. The proposed wording is: “Nothing in these rules is intended to prevent a person from using or accepting an electronic form, using or accepting an electronic signature as that is defined in ORS 84.004, or using, accepting, transmitting or storing documents electronically.”
2. Heplisav B is a newly licensed vaccine for prevention of hepatitis B. The Heplisav B vaccine allows for completion of the schedule with 2 doses given to individuals 18 years of age and older. This change allows the two dose schedule when the first dose is given at 18 years of age and older.
3. Align language about exclusion of susceptible students during an outbreak with OAR 333-019-0010. Current language is slightly different than the language in the Investigation and Control of Disease administrative rules.

No objections to proposed changes. The rulemaking process will commence in the fall of 2018.

Legislative update

HB 4157 would mandate that certain vaccines be covered by insurers at specific ages. The ages listed for insurers to cover vaccines are not in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The bill would also require OHA to add meningococcal conjugate (age 11 and up) and meningococcal B (age 10 and up) vaccines to requirements for school attendance.

ISFLAC received a letter from several legislators asking to revisit adding meningococcal vaccine to school requirements. ISFLAC will convene later this spring to look at new data and consider the request.

SMILER update

With a goal of modernizing the school exclusion process, OIP hired a contractor to look at the current process and ways it could improve. The contractor also looked at the exclusion process in other states. The report concluded there was not an off-the-shelf product that covered all the necessary functions, and presented options that could replace the current process. OIP is now reviewing the information.

Public comment

One member of the public emailed a request that the article *New Quality-Control Investigations on Vaccines: Micro- and Nanocontamination* was shared. The article was distributed.
