

The meeting of the State of Illinois Department of Public Health, Immunization Advisory Committee, was held on February 18, 2015 at the Michael Bilandic Building, 160 North LaSalle Street, Room N505, Chicago, Illinois 60601

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT S. DAUM, MD – Chairman
*RASHMI CHUGH, MD
LISA KRITZ, MSW, MBA
CHRIS SCHRIEVER, PharmD
ANITA CHANDRA-PURI, MD
LINDA GIBBONS, RN, MSN
KAREN PFAFF, RN
ARVIND GOYAL, MD
JESSICA GERDES, ISBE
JULIE MORITA, MD
*MARGARET SAUNDERS
JULIE PRYDE – IAPHA
*RITA ROSSI-FOULKES, MD
*PENNY ROTH, DHS

ALSO PRESENT:

*JAN DANIELS
BILL MORAN
*LINDA KASEBIER
*TERI NICHOLSON

*present, by phone

Reporter:

Start time: 10:06am

1. Roll call of members and visitors completed.
2. Approved minutes
3. Legislation Update - HR144 encourages IDPH to adopt rules by 2015-16 school year. Illinois Dental Society has a potential tort bill. No details on the bill. There is a shell bill by Rep. Gabel. Lisa Kritz provided commentary on a goal to get the new exemption process in place for next school year (2015-16). Bill Moran presented the Governor's version of the religious exemption form. Question by Dr. Morita asking would a letter written by state organizations to Governor advocating for the Committee recommended version. A lengthy discussion on letter writing campaign by various advocate groups was approved by the committee. In addition, it was approved to modify the Child Health Certificate to include a box for physician stating he/she counseled to parent. A vote and approval to strongly recommend to IDPH that the committee supports the tightening of religious exemptions effective in the 2015-16 school year.
4. Bill Moran provided an update on the measles outbreak. Current: 13 cases, 12 linked to a day care center. Committee recommended using the same criteria when addressing religious exemptions.

5. College Rules drafts: Bill Moran explained the draft rule documents for colleges. Will provide update at next meeting.
6. Current Immunization Advisory Committee (IAC) by-laws were presented by Bill Moran. Members provided feedback and edits on the following sections: Section 1-2, suggested that reappointment of members be added to the current language; Section 2-2, suggested that notification by "Committee members to the Department" be clarified to state notification to IAC Chair or Immunization Section Chief; Section 2-3, Dr. Goyal questioned whether this section complied with the open meetings act. Mr. Moran will investigate and report back to members. All other sections were kept as is. However, it was noted that a Vice-Chair needs to be appointed. Members also requested that information on travel reimbursement be sent to them.
7. Linda Kasebier presented an update on the VFC program at the Illinois Department of Public Health. Linda provided updated numbers of currently enrolled providers, and the status of other providers in the enrollment process. She also explained that the enrollment numbers pertain to groups, not necessarily individual providers.
9. ICARE: Written report was provided.

Voted to adjourn accepted.