

TISWG Meeting Addendum May 20, 2010

Group Discussion Adult Immunization Program – TISWG Participants

Some responses for Clarification were:

- What type of impact will the new Health Care Reform Act have on prevention services? Particularly to adult immunizations, is there going to be zero co-pay or zero deductible?
- What adult vaccines are or will be reported into ImmTrac?
- What is promoting and what is not promoting of the Adult Safety Net Program and what is the tolerance for that?
- Some responses on Strengths were:
 - Medicaid is currently looking to cover more adult vaccines through their policy review process.
 - Pharmacy required report authorization to medical homes.
 - We already have regional adult coordination.
 - Infrastructure in place for vaccines.
- Some responses for Barriers were:
 - Undocumented population.
 - Rural transportation issues.
 - Decrease public awareness – to overcome, need to continuous marketing.
 - More focus approach targeted by age or by disease needed.
 - Lack of standardization among insurance plans with vaccine coverage.
 - Provider reimbursement.

Branch Updates – Jack Sims

- ARRA funding and projects:
 - Currently working on a contract for the First Responder Study
 - Possibly have some vaccines for the Cocooning effort. There are many interested.
 - Looking at obtaining much broader stakeholder input for the EMR/ImmTrac study.
 - Going to hire a contractor to do the School-Base Flu Study. The study may be ready in September and there may be multiple surveys that go out.
 - Proposing to expand the H1N1 Call Center to the ImmTrac Helpdesk.
 - Looking at assisting providers with better temperature recording of their refrigerator and freezer that hold vaccines. Will be testing four different types of data loggers as a pilot to determine which provides the best technology.
 - Project to expand the capacity in regions to give flu vaccination - We didn't use funds last flu season, but do have funds for this coming flu season as well as part of the next. Mark Ritter will inform us what the outcome of flu vaccines will look like.
 - ARRA funds have allowed DSHS to expand the Adult Safety Net Program.

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- Budget reductions for federal grant:
 - Will be looking at moving to an online process to obtain literature and forms to reduce printing costs.
 - Reducing/eliminating media campaign
 - Questions: Does DSHS have the ability to accept private grants? What about a state-wide immunization coalition separate from DSHS with public/private partnership?
- TVFC Vaccines:
 - Vaccines become available in waves, but by the end of the projected timeframe, it will all be there. It's usually a slow start and DSHS does ship it as soon as it becomes available.
 - Last year there was an Emergency School Rule, which DSHS asked schools not to enforce the school requirements until September 30th rather than the first day of school. Working diligently to fix that this year. Asking regions and locals to work together to get the message out, to place vaccine orders early. Some orders have already been received.
 - GlaxoSmithKline Rotarix vaccine has been reinstated.