



## National Adult Immunization Coordinators' Partnership

### All-Members Quarterly Call

June 8, 2011

### Minutes

**Facilitator:** Debbye Rosen, CT, Co-Chair, NAICP

**Review of the Adult Immunization Coordinators' Luncheon at the NIC:** Please refer to the minutes of the Adults Immunization Coordinators' Luncheon at the NIC, which are posted on the NAICP website: [www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations](http://www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations)

**Pneumococcal Prevention among Adults: Opportunities and Challenges:** Tamara Pilishvili, MPH, from the Respiratory Disease Branch of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC, presented her presentation from the NIC. Please see the presentation on the NAICP website at [www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations](http://www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations). Highlights included current recommendations for PPV23, Epidemiology of pneumococcal disease among adults in the U.S., and pending licensure of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for adults.

**Pneumococcal Vaccination Projects:** Selected projects with high pneumococcal vaccination rates were asked to describe factors that they felt contributed to their high rates.

- **Minnesota:** Denise Dunn, Adult /Adolescent Immunization Coordinator outlined 4 factors that contributed to high pneumococcal vaccination rates in her state. These include:
  - Pneumococcal vaccination has traditionally gone hand-in-hand with flu vaccination. Flu vaccination coverage rates are also high in Minnesota.
  - The Minnesota Adult Immunization Coalition, which meets every 6 weeks, prioritizes flu and pneumococcal vaccination. It is chaired by Kristin L. Nichol, MD, MPH, MBA, is Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota and Chief of Medicine at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis. Dr Nichol's research has focused on issues relating to adult vaccines with a special emphasis on influenza and pneumococcal vaccination. It is funded using 317 funds and targets the un and underinsured in clinics, LHDs and alternate immunization settings.
  - Identification of champions at the state and local level to promote pneumococcal vaccination to their colleagues and consumers.
  - Inclusion of adults in the immunization registry.
- **Colorado:** Margaret Huffman, Community Outreach Project Manger for the Colorado Immunization Program, described activities in her state that have contributed to high

pneumococcal vaccination rates. These include tying pneumococcal vaccination to flu vaccination, using ARRA funds to support local public health in enhancing current vaccination strategies, and vaccinating homeless people in Denver at their Christmas dinner. Colorado has used Facebook and You Tube to reach younger adults for flu vaccine, encouraging them to post images of themselves receiving flu vaccine. They are considering using these social media to promote other vaccines as well.

- **Utah:** Carly Shurtliff, Adult Immunization Coordinator, talked about pneumococcal vaccination activities in Utah, where long-term care facilities are required to offer flu and pneumococcal vaccines to LTC residents and report coverage rates to the state health department. Pneumococcal vaccination rates for residents have increased from 27% in 2004 to 60.4% in 2010.

Carlie also described the Red Dot Project, which was implemented to address the obstacle of people not remembering if they had previously received PPV23. The project entailed asking vaccinators to attach a red circle sticker, with PPV23 and the date of vaccination on it, on the vaccinee's insurance card. She felt that this was met with limited success, perhaps due to the burden of use placed on the individual. It was very hard to measure except by using BRFSS statistics.

The Utah Immunization Program also worked with Meals on Wheels to survey their clients about their knowledge of pneumococcal and flu vaccine and whether or not they received the vaccines. The results of this survey were higher than the coverage rates reported by the BRFSS.

**NAICP website** ([www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations](http://www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations)): Debbye Rosen asked all states that have resources for adult immunization send them to her at [Debbye.Rosen@po.state.ct.us](mailto:Debbye.Rosen@po.state.ct.us) for posting on the NAICP website (see Connecticut's website).

**Dates for the next 2011 Quarterly NAICP meetings (2:00 - 3:30 EST) are:**

Tuesday, Aug 30: speaker Mitch Rothholz, American Pharmacy Association

Tuesday, Nov 8