

**VDH Vaccine Advisory Group Minutes**

<b>Date:</b> 09/14/2020	<b>Time:</b> 12:30 PM	<b>Location:</b> Google Meet <a href="https://meet.google.com/vti-zaaa-gwg">meet.google.com/vti-zaaa-gwg</a> Phone: 1 910-939-8631; 816827198#	<b>Facilitator:</b> Christy Gray <b>Scribe:</b> Stephanie Wheawill
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Meeting Discussion / Chat Dialogue</b>
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<b>Welcome</b>	<p>Christy Gray opened the call.</p> <p>Christy Gray acknowledged the various participants with many new members who were not on the call on Sept. 2.</p>
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<b>Survey for Members</b>	<p>Only 41% of the members had completed the initial survey, which was created to gain information about the workgroups areas of interests. Members expressed needing more time and to resend the link. The link was sent out on to members on Sept 15 and members were asked to complete by Sept 18.</p> <p>Members of the workgroup may choose to join one or more sub-workgroups.</p>
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<b>Organizational Materials and Future Plans for the Workgroup</b>	<p>Members requested more definition to the Advisory Groups scope, purpose and targeted efforts.</p> <p>Members requested one member of VDH to be available in the sub-workgroups.</p> <p>Members specifically recognized partners within Virginia .that may need to be part of the workgroup to outreach to the Latino Community</p>
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<b>Priority Target/Critical Populations</b>	<p>The workgroup recognized that those with the highest risk for transmission would have the highest risk for poor outcomes.</p> <p>Populations may need to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- intermediate care facilities for people with disabilities (ICF-IIDs) in the discussion of healthcare workers &amp; congregate settings</li> <li>- Licensed group home providers as congregate care settings</li> <li>- School nurses</li> <li>- Direct support professionals who provide home health care</li> <li>- LTCF residents and their caregivers (this group comprises the largest percentage of the deaths from COVID)</li> </ul>
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<b>Community Outreach</b>	<p>Members recognized that media coverage does not instill confidence in the process. A significant number of people in the community who do not TRUST this process and are not interested in the first vaccines.</p> <p>VDH vaccination unit will work closely with the local health districts. There will be a need to leverage local communication systems (newspaper, TV, radio, government, community leaders, and local outreach groups) to ensure that there is appropriate media coverage.</p> <p>Multiple messages will be needed, as there will not be one single message that will resonate with everyone and every locality.</p> <p>Influenza communications campaign cannot get overshadowed.</p>
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	Celebrate Healthcare will kick off ACA Enrollment to include Medicaid and can add this info in community events & media.
<b>Safety &amp; Efficacy</b>	<p>At this time, there is not anyone under 18 included in the trials but information about when vaccine will be available to children will be helpful.</p> <p>Members request an update on the progress with the efficacy and any side effects of these first vaccines in order to begin to educate with a focus on decreasing fear and increasing willingness to accept the first vaccine that comes out (i.e. myths and facts resource).</p>
<b>Data Needed</b>	Members of the work group recognized the need to identify providers willing/interested in providing vaccine. VHHA is partnering with VDH to assist in reaching out to hospitals, ALFs, pediatricians/providers (MSV, AAP), free clinics.
<b>Action Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resend Survey</li> <li>- Organizational materials (timeline, charter, and listing of members)</li> <li>- Identify co-chair for Vaccine Advisory Workgroup and finalize the sub-workgroups along with co-chairs</li> <li>- Continue data surveys to help identify high-risk providers, providers interested/willing to administer vaccine. Need to expand to community providers/free clinics</li> <li>- Communication plan will need to include more information about Operation Warp Speed to help increase confidence and decrease vaccine hesitancy</li> <li>- Inform Advisory Group about Influenza Campaign</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	The large group will next meet on Monday, September 28 from 12:30-1:30 pm