

**Vaccine Advisory Workgroup Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, December 21, 2020**

**Location: Virtual, via WebEx**

12:30-12:35	<b>Welcome - Kelly Goode, Co-Chair</b>
12:35	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>No members of the public requested to make public comment during this meeting. For future Vaccine Advisory Workgroups, we will continue to allow for up to twenty minutes of public comment at the top of the meetings and record the meeting to be posted to the public webpage. For subgroup meetings, information about the meeting and the agenda will be posted to Town Hall and the meeting will be recorded; however, there will not be a public comment period.</p> <p>The process for public comment during the full workgroup meeting is listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a two-minute time limit for each person to speak</li> <li>• We will be calling from the list generated through registration</li> <li>• After the two-minute public comment limit is reached we will let you complete the sentence and will mute you and move on to the next attendee</li> <li>• We will call the name of the person on list as well as the name of the person next on the list</li> </ul>
12:35-12:50	<p><b>Federal and State Updates - Christy Gray, MSH, CHES, CHTS-CP</b></p> <p><b>Federal Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA recommended that both Pfizer-BioNTech’s and Moderna’s vaccines receive EUA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moderna: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine">https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine</a></li> <li>○ Pfizer-BioNTech: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine">https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• All federal and state updates will be posted on the website</li> <li>• Phase 1B/1C Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Federal recommendations for Phases 1B and 1C are being reviewed at the state-level</li> <li>○ VAW can expect to receive those materials for feedback at the end of the week</li> <li>○ Similar to the process in Phase 1A: VAW provides comments and VDH will send the recommendation to VDMAC / Unified Command for recommendation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>State Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDH activated federal LTC partnership this month, with an initial focus on Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs); VDH is working closely with CVS and Walgreens</li> <li>• Statewide pharmacy partnership is ongoing</li> <li>• Public-facing vaccine administration dashboard will be released this week; the dashboard will distinguish between first and second dose</li> </ul>

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12:50-12:55	<p><b>Communications and Messaging Succinct Report Out</b> – Wendy Klein</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Conversations were conducted to identify concerns</li> <li>• In future meetings, it will plan to brainstorm additional platforms for discussion and ability to reach additional communities</li> <li>• It has also conducted expert panels to address vaccine safety, and there will be additional panels in January 2021</li> <li>• If participants see information on vaccine safety through other websites or states, feel free to send it along to subgroup – open and understanding that vaccine response communication and messaging is not a one-size-fits-all solution</li> <li>• Comment: We could improve the call center (877-ASK-VDH3) and could provide fact sheets to radio stations for those who are not able to read fact sheets or who cannot speak English</li> <li>• Implementation of vaccines are going to be done at the local level, so feel free to contact Local Health Districts with questions, especially with questions around where you can find a vaccine</li> </ul>
12:55-1:00	<p><b>Partnerships Succinct Report Out</b> – Julie Dime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 2 meeting minutes have been sent</li> <li>• The subgroup has sent an updated spreadsheet of contact information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comment: Add Hispanic radio or media outlets’ information as well</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1:00-1:05	<p><b>Safety &amp; Efficacy Succinct Report Out</b> – Dr. Costi Sifri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subgroup met last Friday and the Friday before to review Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech EUA data. It is the subgroup’s judgement that the authorizations have been made in high fidelity</li> <li>• The subgroup has been partnering with the Communications and Messaging subgroup in answering provider questions</li> <li>• With respect to the mutant strains developing in the UK – the subgroup is gathering information as we go and at this time believes time will tell</li> <li>• Comment: We need to ensure that we are able to provide the general public information when we can about the vaccine in order to counter the barrage of misinformation they are receiving</li> <li>• Question: can we develop an ongoing report on side effects? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The subgroup has not developed a system or a workforce to be able to track that information on its end. That would be deferred to the reporting systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1:05-1:10	<p><b>Barriers to Vaccination Succinct Report Out</b> - Carolyn Moneymaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subgroup continues to be concerned about LTCFs but also people who live at home and get their care from visiting nurses / health aids, as well as elderly or disabled folks who may not have services or help</li> </ul>

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<p><b>1:10-1:20</b></p>	<p><b>Moderated Q&amp;A:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we have a target date for all HCWs to be vaccinated? Based on initial information, we thought the 500,000 healthcare workers in VA could be achieved by the end of December. This is a moving target and depends on the manufacturing and doses available. We are monitoring that - and if it is pushed back, it shouldn't be pushed back by a significant amount. Health districts are also working hard to administer doses and working with health systems to pair them with other providers and ensure there are clinics to vaccinate</li> <li>• Comment: consider sending out a communication that indicates that health departments will be reaching out to providers as necessary</li> <li>• Is there feedback from the CDC on Phase 1B federal pharmacy support? VDH has received initial communication from CDC but have not yet gotten as far as activating the partnership at this time</li> <li>• Are there identification requirements in place to prevent people from jumping the line? No guidance on that from a VDH level as of right now. The health districts are doing that planning, and closed PODs should help with control</li> </ul>
<p><b>1:25-1:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing &amp; Wrap-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sub-Workgroup Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communications and Messaging – 12/30/2020</li> <li>○ Partnerships – 1/11/2021</li> <li>○ Safety &amp; Efficacy – 1/4/2021</li> <li>○ Barriers to Vaccination – 1/6/2021</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Workgroup Meeting and Important Dates through January 11, 2020:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday, 1/4/2021: 12:30 – 1:30 PM   Co-Chair and VDH Representative Meeting</li> <li>○ Monday, 1/4/2021: Report Out for Vaccine Advisory Workgroup Meeting due to Stephanie Wheawill</li> <li>○ Wednesday, 1/6/2021: Agenda and Meeting Materials Sent and Posted</li> <li>○ <b>Monday, 1/11/2021: 12:30 - 1:50 PM   Vaccine Advisory Workgroup Meeting</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

