

# **National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

## **Report from the Chair**

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NVAC Chair

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# Overview

- Self-introductions.
- NVAC membership status report.
- Approval of meeting minutes.
- Follow-up on previous action items.
- Recent accomplishments.
- NVAC charter renewal.
- Review of current meeting agenda.

# NVAC Membership

- Four new NVAC members approved as of August 2009.
  - Ms. Tawny Buck
  - Dr. Clement Lewin
  - Dr. Julie Morita
  - Dr. Litjen (L.J.) Tan

# NVPO Staff

- Two new NVPO staff members.
  - CAPT Mark Grabowsky, USPHS
    - Deputy Director, NVPO
  - Ms. Stephanie Marshall
    - Communications
  
- Two new Policy Analyst Fellows
  - Ms. Michelle Mergler
    - Vaccine safety
  - Ms. Brandi Hight
    - Adult immunizations and National Vaccine Plan

# Prior NVAC Meeting Minutes

- Recent NVAC meeting minutes certified by Chair and posted to NVAC website
  - June 2009 in-person meeting
  - May and July 2009 tele-conference meetings
- Approval of May, June and July 2009 meeting minutes by NVAC
- August 2009 tele-conference meeting minutes are currently under review

# Efforts to Improve the Effectiveness of NVAC (1)

- 2008 State of the Program Report
  - Efforts beginning on 2009 annual report
- Identification of action items
  - Efforts to more clearly identify and record action items at meetings
  - Tracking of action items
    - Matrix of identified action items back to September 2008

# Efforts to Improve the Effectiveness of NVAC (2)

- Development of implementation plans for approved recommendations
- Annual review of recently approved recommendations
  - Status report on implementation and follow-up
- RAND evaluation of NVAC
  - Preliminary findings presented in June
  - Final report expected at end of September
  - Draft recommendations being utilized

# Efforts to Improve the Effectiveness of NVAC (3)

- Language of NVAC recommendations
  - Working to ensure that recommendations are written to be actionable
  - Harmonization of wording
    - Preamble to recommendations
    - Direction of recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Health

# Recent Accomplishments (1)

- Novel H1N1 Influenza
  - NVAC meetings held by tele-conference to receive updates from partners on preparation and planning
  - Approval of novel H1N1 recommendations
    - Vaccine safety
    - Vaccine financing
    - Communications

# Recent Accomplishments (2)

- Vaccine Safety Working Group
  - Phase 1 recommendations approved in June
  - Transitioning to next phase
  - Information gathering meeting held in July
- Adult Immunization Working Group
  - Phase 1 recommendations approved in June
  - Transitioning to next phase
  - Working Group meeting this evening

# NVAC Charter Renewal

- Revised Charter approved by Dr. Koh on July 28, 2009
- Notable changes
  - Inclusion of new liaison representatives
    - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
    - National Association of County and City Health Officials
    - Association of Immunization Managers
    - National Biodefense Science Board
  - Modification of USDA representative
  - Chair to serve a three year term

# Current Agenda (1)

- Vaccine Safety Working Group
  - Update on transition to Charge 2
- Vaccine Finance
  - Update on implementation plan for approved recommendations
- Adult Immunization Working Group
  - Update on implementation plan for approved recommendations
  - Financial considerations for recommendations

# Current Agenda (2)

- National Vaccine Plan
  - Update on Status of Strategic Plan
  - Discussion of NVAC role
  
- Adolescent Immunization
  - Update on implementation plan

# Current Agenda (3)

## ■ Influenza

- Highlights of annual Flu Summit
- Communications for upcoming influenza season (seasonal and novel H1N1 influenza)
- Novel H1N1 influenza update

# Title XXI Public Health Service Act

## Sec. 2102: National Vaccine Program Responsibilities:

- 1) Vaccine Research
- 2) Vaccine Development
- 3) Safety and efficacy testing of vaccines
- 4) Licensing of vaccine manufacturers and vaccines
- 5) Production and procurement of vaccines
- 6) Distribution and use of vaccines
- 7) Evaluating the need for, the effectiveness, and adverse effects of vaccines and immunization activities
- 8) Coordinating governmental and non-governmental activities
- 9) Funding of federal agencies

# NVAC: Future meeting dates

- 2010
  - February 3-4
  - June 2-3
  - September 14-15