

# **National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

## **Report from the Chair**

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# Logistics

- Regularly scheduled NVAC meeting
  - Posted in Federal Register on August 26
- Agenda posted on the NVAC website
  - <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/index.html>
- Accessibility
  - In-person meeting
  - Electronic broadcast as webinar
  - Publicly available toll-free conference line to listen to the meeting
    - Webinar registration information and conference line dial-in numbers available on the “Upcoming Meetings” page of the NVAC website

# Logistics (2)

- Public comment
  - Time available both meeting days
  - Not a question-and-answer or media session
  - If unable to provide comment at the meeting, written comments can be emailed to [nvpo@hhs.gov](mailto:nvpo@hhs.gov)
- Minutes are being taken and the meeting is being recorded
- Reminders for speakers
  - If seated at the table, ensure your microphone is on and you speaking directly into it
  - Public speakers should identify themselves

# NVAC Membership

- Thank you to members continuing to serve while replacements are finalized
- One member completing term on NVAC
  - Dr. Mark Feinberg

# Approval of prior meeting Minutes

- June 2010 in-person meeting
- July 2010 teleconference meeting
- August 2010 teleconference meeting

# NVAC Meeting Follow-up

- Matrix of identified action items
  - 41 items since September 2009
    - 21 closed/fully completed
      - Addressing new asks to NVAC/partitioning to WGs
      - Examinations of and recommendations related to health care reform
      - Meetings and reports of H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment Working Group
      - Review of examination of first dollar coverage of pediatric and adolescent vaccines

# NVAC Meeting Follow-up (2)

- 41 action items since September 2009
  - 20 open/in progress
    - 6 will be addressed this meeting
      - Medical countermeasures review, Healthy People 2020, seasonal influenza safety monitoring and universal recommendation, health care worker vaccination
    - 2 are related to ongoing Adult Immunization WG activities
    - 3 are waiting for release of materials (HHS Hepatitis WG report, National Vaccine Plan update)
    - 3 are administrative in nature

# Recent Charges to NVAC

- Requests from Assistant Secretary for Health
  - Healthy People 2020
    - Identify barriers, suggest solutions and monitor progress toward new goals
      - Full NVAC will review materials when available
  - Health Disparities
    - Evaluate ways to reduce/eliminate health disparities, particularly as they relate to adult influenza vaccination
      - Incorporated into Adult Immunization WG ongoing activities
  - Hepatitis
    - Review and comment on materials from the Interagency Viral Hepatitis Working Group
      - Full NVAC will review materials when available

# Recent Charges to NVAC

- Requests from NVPO
  - Influenza
    - Review the performance of the influenza vaccination program in the first year of the universal recommendation
      - Full NVAC to receive updates and provide evaluation
    - Examine the issues related to mandatory health care worker influenza vaccination
      - Ongoing discussions on best process
      - Related presentations at this meeting

# Recent Accomplishments

- Recommendations approved August 2010
  - Interim recommendations for seasonal influenza vaccine safety monitoring
- Letters of public comment finalized August 2010
  - Reiteration of prior NVAC recommendations
    - CMS: Medicaid program; Legislative Changes to Improve Quality of Care to Children
    - HHS: Interim Final Rules on Coverage of Preventive Services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

# Current Agenda Highlights

## ■ Vaccine Safety

- Update from Vaccine Safety Working Group
- H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment WG

## ■ Influenza

- Health care worker immunization
- Monitoring immunization following universal vaccination recommendation
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Safety Monitoring
  - Response to NVAC recommendation (August 2010)

# Current Agenda Highlights (2)

- Update from Adult Immunization WG
- Health Care Reform
- Healthy People 2020

# 2010 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- Thematic framework
  - Health care reform
  - Conclusion of the H1N1 pandemic
    - Lessons learned for routine vaccination programs
  - Seasonal Influenza
  - Vaccine Safety
- Seeking input on key points for inclusion

# 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

- In-person (2011)
  - February 15-16
  - June 14-15
  - September 13-14
- Tele-conference
  - As needed