



American Indian Health Commission for Washington State
Tribal-UIHP Health Immunizations Coalition (THIC)

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Subject: Tribal/UIHP Health Immunization Coalition Meeting
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Attendees: Tracey Williams, Lou Schmitz, Cathy MacGregor, Amanda Hule, Mary Svranski, Jeremy Panglean, Aubrey Gamble, Wendy Stevens, Jan Olmstead, Cindy Gamble, Vicki Lowe, Elizabeth Sachse, Rebecca, Marilyn Scott, and Mary Varco

- 1:00 Agenda review: The meeting was opened with a review of the agenda.
- 1:15 Pulling Together for Wellness framework – ensuring tribally-driven strategies related to immunizations—Jan Ward Olmstead, AIHC Public Health Policy and Project Advisor.
- An overview of PTW framework was presented as an initial step to focus on Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change (PSE) and the integration of the PTW in the Immunization’s Coalition work. In future meetings, focus will continue to other sections of the matrix until completion at the October meeting.
- Charter Development and Strategies - Tribal Planning for the October in-person meeting. At each future meeting we will incorporate development of the Charter and Strategies.
- NIHB Abstract for Annual Public Health Conference
- An abstract on the development of Tribal-Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition and the immunization work over a 10-year continuum has been submitted to the Annual NIHB Public Health Conference, in New Mexico. We will be notified if we are selected by March 8.
- 1:30 Measles Outbreak Information – Lou Schmitz, AIHC PHEPR Consultant
- Community members flyer - 66 confirmed cases in Wa state; 65 are in Clark county, 1 in King. Four cases in Oregon. The measles virus is very contagious. If you enter a room even 2 hours after someone who has measles and is contagious and you have not been fully immunized it is a 99% chance you will get sick.
- Most recent case on Sunday, there is a window of 10-21 days from when someone exposed who is not immunized shows they got it. The outbreak is not over until you go over 21 days past the last case confirmed. It has been pretty well contained. The Clark county local health dept has been identifying those cases and identifying who might have gotten in contact with those individuals during the window of contagious. A lot were individuals were identified as contacted and were advised to stay home. That is how this was mostly contained.
- See slide about immunization status. WA DOH has an incident management team, that respond to public health, and a tribal liaison officer position. A position who sits on team with individuals who respond to the event, Lou is doing this, there is a morning briefing and afternoon briefing: update on number of cases, update on how the Clark county health dept is being assisted with staffing and DOH staffing and any resource requests that come up. This is to make sure the outbreak is contained as much as possible. The commission developed some flyers. If you feel it is appropriate to your community, feel free to share. The second one is intended for the clinic team: how to keep eyes open for

possible cases. No cases in tribal or urban Indian health communities. How do you see someone who might be infected, how do you see them to protect others and your staff?

2:00 Immunizations Rate Data, Wendy Stevens, AIHC Tribal Immunization & Tribal Health

Based on a request from the last meeting, an update on immunizations rate data, including GPRA measures was provided. Included GPRA Measures and Reporting, National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen), MMR Vaccination Coverage Report, Washington Rates (CDC), Measles Investigation Immunization Status Report, Clark county and Washington State Department of Health immunization coverage data, Public Health Measures Immunization Coverage–MMR 2017. In support of Measles outbreak immunization rate data for the ages 19-35 months and 4-6 years, including Clark County. (See AIHC.TribalImmunizationCoalition.RatesData2.2019 for full review of rates). Discussion followed regarding methods to get the best Tribal/Urban Indian Health Program tribal immunization rate data. Long standing RPMS data exchange problems and gaps were acknowledged, including interoperability between the RPMS and the Washington State system (WAIS). A suggestion to look at county or zip code data for tribal immunization data and review the opportunities to look at it regionally using the state system with a number of tribes, e.g. 8 tribes in the NW region. This collaboration could occur across the state on a tribe to tribe regional basis. Could also do comparison by schools. Ask received to review the Tribal Health Immunization Coalition work with work with tribes, local health boards, UIHPs, tribal organizations, including NPAIHB and UIHI as a priority for the Coalition to improve immunization rates. The Tribal Health Immunization Coalition will use the PTW framework to establish the process and a workplan for the data tracking recommendation and will discuss and review continued next steps at the meeting in May.

2:15 Tribal Health Immunization Coalition Roundtable - Tribal Concerns and Highlights re: Measles Outbreak

Participants shared local insights and highlights.

Jan and Wendy will follow up with Marilyn to brief her on use of the PTW Matrix used in development and support of the Tribal Health Immunization Coalition and continued immunization work.

Many shared their appreciation for the work everyone does to keep our communities healthy especially in the midst of the measles outbreak.

The “Dear Doctor” card from Pregnant Women asking their doctor for a flu shot to protect herself and her baby are available for distribution. Please contact Aubrey.



2:45 Statewide Immunizations Activities
HPV Task Force Meeting Update was provided.



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Washington State Vaccine Loss Policy update provided.

We sent out info on the new state vaccine loss policy which has now been finalized by the State, so it has been cleared for distribution. It is posted and ready to be rolled out for this year now. The summation is corrective action. A variety of reasons for a vaccine loss. They have pulled out the definition of negligence and definition of vaccine loss. We will be looking at this in future meetings and share these learnings with you, and to site visits. Any questions on this topic or needs you can also email or phone us anytime or bring things to these tribal immunization coalition meetings. Yet, to be clear you don't have to wait for the next meeting, if there is a concern or you would like to go over more detail the current issues, or this vaccine loss policy we can set up a time to go over the details one on one as well. Happy to help with you look at the issues.

Washington Immunization Summit Planning Update and other upcoming events

Oct 8, 2019 identified, but not finalized for the statewide conference.

We need to decide as a group if we want to align dates with the statewide event.

Organizers have set aside \$30k in scholarships.

We will advocate with DOH to get tribes to get a certain number of slots available. Location: Lynnwood Convention Center. More information to come as planning continues.

Upcoming PTW Leadership Advisory Committee Retreat: Youth advocates who attended the summit are invited to attend the retreat. HPV will be incorporated in the agenda. Our planning has including previous work with youth related to HPV.

Elwha youth council's interest in providing support youth councils across the state will also be on the agenda with the full PTW LAC at the retreat. AIHC will engage other youth reps and for upcoming retreat.

The Washington State Public Health Association Conference is scheduled for Oct 1-3 in Wenatchee.

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Announcements:

- HPV in March training opportunity at UW, will focus on sharing clinical research in HPV Vaccine.
- AIHC has recently updated website. The tribal immunizations page has also been updated. We want this to be a valuable resource for you. We will keep it up to date, make it easy to understand and access.
- After our meetings we will send a very brief survey to continue to coordinate meetings that are of value to you.
- Watch for doodle poll!

3:00 Adjourn

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