

Vaccine Financing and Availability Advisory Committee

August 1, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Daniel Aspery	Andrew Carroll	Bob England	Chad Heinrich
Craig Newton	Michael O'Driscoll	Kelly Ridgeway	Merrie Rheingans
Jessica Rigler	Amy Shoptaugh	Jennifer Tinney	Kim Elliot

Visitors in attendance:

Darla Kunze	Kelsey Pistotnik	Jennifer Carosetta	Dana Goodloe
Michelle Lee	Rory Hays	Ingrid Garvey	Sara Sparman
Genevra Richardson	Rebecca Nevedale	Gaspar Locca	Jessie Hanna
Jeff Gray	Katlin Beranek	Ryan O'Daniel	Patty Gast
Carol Vack	Jake Logan	Marilyn Purvis	Colby Bower
Kelly Cappio	Will Humble		

- **Call to Order - - Welcome and Introductions**

The Vaccine Financing and Availability Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18th Avenue, Room 215A/B, Phoenix, Arizona on August 1, 2014. Jessica Rigler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. An extended welcome was given by Director Humble who expressed the ideas and goals of the committee are to come up with creative ideas that are executable and find the simplest solution to the issues effecting vaccine providers and the vaccines at the medical home. Director Humble officially designated Jessica Rigler as Chairperson and each committee member and visitor gave a brief introduction of themselves.

- **Scope and Purpose of Committee**

The committee reviewed House Bill 2491 which initiates the Vaccine Financing and Availability Advisory Committee. House Bill 2491 outlines who the committee members are to be as well as what the committee is charged with accomplishing. The committee's call to action can be found on page 4, Section E.

The committee is to provide a report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15, 2014.

Jessica Rigler made a request to the committee to complete the provided materials on statutory requirements necessary to serve on boards, commissions and committees.

- **History and Overview of Issues**

Presentation: **Fulfilling Our Obligation to Protect Our Children**
Bob England, MD, MPH
Maricopa County Health Department of Public Health

- **Discussion of Approach**

The committee discussed information that would be needed to accomplish the items required by House Bill 2491. This included an understanding of the existing system of vaccine financing and availability and stakeholder concerns regarding this system. Jennifer Tinney discussed past Vaccine Congress meetings that have addressed this issue and will provide a summary of these findings at a future meeting.

In order to address the costs and reimbursement levels of vaccine, the committee discussed the need for a better understanding of how vaccine prices are set and how reimbursement rates are set. A vaccine manufacturer representative will provide information on what goes into the cost of vaccines.

Insurance company representatives will be invited to improve the understanding of how rates are set. Jessica Rigler and Chad Heinrich will work together to get an employer's perspective on negotiations with insurance companies to set reimbursement rates.

In order to understand other states' vaccine financing models, Jennifer Tinney will provide an overview of TAPI's research into this topic.

- **Future Meetings**

Friday, August 15 2014

9:00am – 11:00am

Arizona Department of Health

(room location to be determined)

- **Call to Public**

No comments from the public.

- **Adjournment**

A reminder was given to members that public body quorum is 51% of the committee.

It was recommended to the committee to refer to the Vaccine Financing and Availability Advisory Committee as "VFAAC". All members agreed.

The meeting was called to adjournment at 10:55am.