HHS Interagency Adult Immunization Task Force 2012-13

Shary Jones, PharmD, MPH, BCPS
National Vaccine Program Office

Overview

- Provide brief description of Interagency Adult Immunization Task Force
- Highlight key successes/challenges
- Outline next steps
**Purpose**

Bolster and extend HHS’ efforts on adult vaccine coverage by coordination and synergy of the entire Department

- Led by Assistant Secretary for Health
- Opportunity to address short-term and long-term policies and programs related to adult immunizations
- Representation from across HHS: CDC, CMS, FDA, NIH, HRSA, OMH, Partnership Center, ACL, ACF, OWH, IHS, FOH, and Regional Health Administrators
- Leveraged department resources in key areas

**Structure Layout**

Diagram showing the structure of the HHS Adult IZ Task Force, National Adult IZ Summit, and Cross-walk with NVAC Adult IZ Recommendations.
NVAC Adult Immunization Recommendations

NAIS 2012 Recommendations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Possible Solution/Project</th>
<th>Barrier Addressed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Develop adult vaccine finder/locator or build upon existing vaccine finders to incorporate all adult vaccine providers</td>
<td>Collaboration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Develop model protocols for a community that include all types of providers and settings</td>
<td>Collaboration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convene regional meetings of leaders from different sectors of adult immunization</td>
<td>Collaboration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Develop and promote vaccine counseling and referral code</td>
<td>Payment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gather systematic data on cost of providing adult vaccination</td>
<td>Payment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Promote models for smaller providers to acquire vaccines at lower costs</td>
<td>Payment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help providers better understand best coding practices</td>
<td>Payment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Develop and promote models of &quot;ideal&quot; data exchange</td>
<td>Documentation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Promote immunization requirements in meaningful use standards</td>
<td>Documentation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increase access for uninsured adults</td>
<td>Access &amp; Payment</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Successes

- HealthMap vaccine finder
  - [http://vaccine.healthmap.org](http://vaccine.healthmap.org)
- Evaluation of non-traditional immunization vendors
- Expansion of immunization provider network
- Funding mechanism for adult immunizations
  - [http://nvpo.jbsinternational.com/](http://nvpo.jbsinternational.com/)

Challenges

- Overlap
- Capturing all the work of the agencies
- Lack of funding for a “project”
Next Steps

- Evaluate feedback from NAIS

- Evaluate feedback from upcoming June 2013 NVAC meeting