NAIIS Access and Collaborations Working Group

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Agenda: Access and Collaborations Working Group

• Activities and accomplishments over the past year
• Ongoing activities
• Future activities and plans to increase patient access to vaccines and opportunities for collaboration
Access and Collaborations Working Group  
2014-15 Activities and Accomplishments

- Standards for Adult Immunization Practice
  - Published in Public Health Reports February 20, 2014
  - Continue to promote Standards implementation with partners in order to expand the impact of the standards
  - Slide sets developed for use by Summit members and others to educate providers, public health and consumers on adult immunizations and the Standards
  - Surveys of providers and the public conducted by CDC will provide information regarding Standards implementation and inform WG activities

Ref: Public Health Reports / March–April 2014 / Volume 129
### Partner Activities in Promoting the Standards

#### Standards of Adult Immunization Practice Partnerships

- Summit partners and stakeholders have conducted a number of activities to assist with promoting and implementing the Standards

  - **American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)** to promote Standards members via *AAFP News Now* articles and social media.
  - **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** support for the standards to be published in an issue of *AAP News*.
  - **American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)** to promote Standards members via *PA Professional* article, email blasts and social media.
  - **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)**
  - **American College of Physicians (ACP)** developed its "I Raise the Rates" project
  - **American Pharmacists Association (APhA)** - Standards highlighted in the Special Immunization Section of the *Pharmacy Today* and hosted a webinar on the Standards for APhA members.


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- Summit partners promoting and implementing the Standards

  - **Association of Immunization Managers (AIM)** prepared a sample letter for programs to share information about the Standards and their importance with providers.
  - **Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)** encourages its members and their organizations to adopt the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice
  - **Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)** announced the Standards in their weekly newsletter to more than 1,066 state health officials, state public information officers, deputies, and other state health or affiliate members.
  - **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** has developed tools to assist with promotion and implementation of the Standards and working on Medscape modules to highlight the main points of the Standards (assess, recommend, administer or refer, and document) as a result of the Access and Provider WG collaboration.

Partner Activities in Promoting the Standards

• Standards of Adult Immunization Practice Partnerships
  ▪ Summit partners promoting and implementing the Standards
    – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) involved in project for quality improvement organizations to implement the Standards.
    – Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) announced its support via IAC’s various communication avenues: weekly e-newsletter IAC Express, listservs (e.g., IZCoalitions and Vacsafety), and social media accounts.
    – Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) announced support of the standards through their communications channels as recommended by NAIIS/NVPO and created and distributed a unique document to the full IDSA membership explaining what the standards mean for the infectious disease specialist.
    – Merck Vaccines has presented about the Standards at several of its advisory boards and scientific presentations to help make vaccine experts around the world aware of the publication of the Standards and about how to improve adult immunization rates globally.

For more information visit: http://www.izsummitpartners.org/adult-immunization-standards/supporting-organizations/

Partner Activities in Promoting the Standards

• Standards of Adult Immunization Practice Partnerships
  ▪ Summit partners promoting and implementing the Standards
    – National Adult Immunization Coordinators’ Partnership (NAICP) developed a document highlighting the strategies for increasing adult immunizations in health departments using the Standards as a model.
    – National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) promoted Standards for Adult Immunization Standards at national meeting and communication with members
    – National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) to include notifications of Standards support in their quarterly e-newsletter as well as websites and other social media channels.
    – Sanofi Pasteur provided educational materials to the public and health care providers on the importance of adult immunization, including the Standards, and provided educational content that was easily shareable within social networks and targeted specific adult groups (NCOA, AHA and AADE). Additional information is available at NCOA.org/Flu and Vaccines.com/adult-vaccine-immunization.cfm

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Access and Collaborations Working Group
2014-15 Activities and Accomplishments

• Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and Health IT
  ▪ Partnered with provider working group on a series of calls about status of IIS use and barriers and what the Summit could do to increase use among providers
    – Speakers from CDC, ONC, AIRA, ASTHO and others presented on these calls
  ▪ Top priorities include
    – Assessing readiness and interest of states in onboarding adult providers
      ▪ AIRA survey conducted in March 2015 on behalf of NAIIS
      ▪ Will analyze and disseminate information to NAIIS partners interested in outreach to providers to help target states where highest likelihood of successful collaboration
    – Landscape of IIS promotional materials for adult providers

• CPT Code for Adult Vaccine Counseling
  ▪ The National Vaccine Advisory Committee is considering whether and how to proceed on pursuing a CPT code.

• Reduce barriers for pregnant women to receive Tdap and influenza vaccines.
  ▪ Letter drafted by CDC to distinguish between FDA approved vaccine indications and ACIP recommendations

• HealthMap Adult and Influenza Vaccine Locator
  ▪ Provided input on updates and continue to promote the tool in order to increase access to vaccines
Access and Collaborations Working Group: Priority Activities for 2015-16

• Access WG priorities
  ▪ Continue promotion of Standards through
    – Collecting information on actions Summit partners are taking to implement standards
    – Promotion of Standards implementation as key to reducing disparities
    – Disseminating slide sets to assist in promoting key components of the Standards
  ▪ Continue collaboration with Healthmap.org vaccine locator
  ▪ Work with Summit and NVAC partners to reintroduce CPT code for adult vaccine counseling
  ▪ Utilize results of survey on IIS and adult providers to target outreach

Access and Collaborations Working Group: Priority Activities for 2015-16

• Raise awareness about disparities through:
  ▪ Support NAIIS members who are addressing disparities on multiple fronts, including educational, socioeconomic, & ethnic/racial
  ▪ Improve frequency of provider vaccine assessment and recommendations – i.e. implement Standards!
  ▪ Encourage outreach to newly insured adults
    – Increase awareness about insurance coverage for ACIP-recommended vaccines as a result of the Affordable Care Act
  ▪ Increase understanding of and address policy and practice barriers to adult providers payment for vaccination services