

# National Adult Immunization Coordinators' Partnership (NAICP) In-person Meeting Summary

Date: May 9, 2023

### **Meeting description:**

There were 47 participants at this in-person, all-member meeting at the first day of the <a href="2023 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit">2023 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit</a> (NAIIS) Meeting convened in Atlanta, GA. This was a closed meeting for NAICP members, but members were welcome to bring along colleagues from their jurisdiction's CDC funded immunization programs. Most of the participants were newer to their role of working on adult immunization for their jurisdiction's immunization program with about half joining their programs during the COVID-19 pandemic response. An agenda for the meeting is posted on our <a href="National Adult Immunization Coordinators">National Adult Immunization Coordinators</a> (Partnership page along with this summary.

Following the meeting, participants who were comfortable being in a photo that is shared below and will be highlighted in our newsletter stayed to take the picture.



#### **Breakout discussion groups summary:**

The participants were split-up into two groups for a 30-minute discussion on the following:

- What jurisdictions are currently doing and/or planning to do to build/rebuild their adult immunization programs after the last few years of prioritizing the COVID-19 response.
- How jurisdictions are using partnerships and strategies built as well as the lessons learned from the COVID-19 vaccine response when planning for your routine adult immunization work.
- What members think NAICP could do to support their future adult immunization programming.

Due to the large number of participants, we did not have time to do introductions with everyone but those who participated in the discussion would introduce themselves prior to providing their comments. Following the discussion, each group did a report-out, which are summarized below.

## Breakout group ?: Bandage

- Facilitator and reporter: Samuel Ortiz Severiano, NAICP EC
- Note taker: Charleigh Granade, CDC liaison to NAICP
- Key take-aways from the discussion on what jurisdictions are currently doing and planning to do included:
  - Partnering with health plans to provide immunization screening and education to county jails, the homeless, pharmacies, FQHCs, and Department of Corrections.
  - Developing vaccine waste prevention strategies for health care providers.
  - Ensuring a lifespan approach to preventing disease with vaccination.
  - Assessing where adults are accessing vaccines post-COVID-19 response.
  - Moving 317 funded vaccines to FQHCs and RHCs as well as prioritizing local health departments.
- Key take-aways from the discussion on how NAICP can best support jurisdictions' future adult immunization programming:
  - Provide an adult coordinator mentorship program connecting new programs to more established programs.
    - Model after AIM immunization program managers mentorship programming.
  - Share developed resources, best practices and pilot programs for refugee and immigrant populations.
  - Provide health care provider recruitment strategies.
  - Provide vaccine billing model tips and processes.
  - Share 317 funding prioritization strategies from health care providers who have successful programming.

## Breakout group \*: Syringe

- Facilitator: Annie Fedorowicz, NAICP EC
- Note taker and reporter: Kelly Jones, NAICP EC
- Key take-aways from the discussion on what jurisdictions are currently doing and planning to do included:
  - Moving toward recommendations/updates that originate at the state level vs. the health care
    provider/practice level, due to the difficulty of getting larger health care/health plan engagement.
  - Multiple jurisdictions working on online adult immunization trainings or toolkits for vaccine providers and other community stakeholders.
  - Using IIS to provide e-learning by embedding links to their online training courses for self-paced, ondemand modules.
  - Continuing to host weekly, COVID-19 vaccine, provider training meetings, online, with great attendance (likely due, in part, to high staff turnover).

- Working on leveraging this existing format to expand to other adult vaccine topics since this platform is familiar.
- Making recommendations to state leadership to expand the adult immunization program to include all recommended vaccines for those who are currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, such as underinsured, homeless, and refugee population.
- Site visits expanded to include partner groups that worked with groups including HIV & STI outreach, homeless shelters/support, and immigrant communities.
- Rebuilding the IIS after hurricane destroyed infrastructure (US Virgin Islands).
- Successful vaccination efforts outside of the traditional clinical/medical setting, with "Beer and a Shot" (UT) and "A Shot for a Shot" (LA), and in Alaska: local fire department's hosting family-friendly immunization events.
  - Unlike child vaccination, a more relaxed and comfortable environment for vaccination is acceptable and may even be preferred by adult populations.
- Experienced success with mobile team vaccination efforts that began with COVID-19 and have since transitioned to offering adult vaccines.
- Key take-aways from the discussion on how NAICP can best support jurisdictions' future adult immunization programming:
  - Staffing challenges that are seen across many jurisdictions.
  - Help facilitate difficult conversations around safety and HIPAA concerns on collecting data on gender and sexual identity (specifically in Mpox vaccination efforts).
  - Promote interest of pro-immunization related legislation concurrent with pushback on existing legislation and general vaccine fatigue.
  - Exploring tactics for use in targeting adults (18+) who have traditionally been lost to care after routine childhood immunizations have been completed but before 65+vaccines are offered.
  - Conversations that showcase partner successes in detail for replication in other states.

#### Reminders and next steps:

- The EC will explore ideas that came out of the discussion specific to what members think NAICP could do to support their future adult immunization programming.
- A friendly reminder that all NAICP member communications will now come through our new listserv (naicp@Immunizationmanagers.org).
- Get added to our listserv and encourage your Immunization Program colleagues working on adult immunization in your jurisdiction to also join NAICP by subscribing to our new listserv on our web page: www.izsummitpartners.org/naicp/.