

Vaccine Financing and Availability Advisory Committee

September 19, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Daniel Aspery	Andrew Carroll	Phyllis Arthur	Erin Klug
Craig Newton	Kim Elliot	Kelly Ridgeway	
Jessica Rigler	Amy Shoptaugh	Jennifer Tinney	

Visitors in attendance:

Darla Kunze	Kelsey Pistotnik	Chris Vinyard	Jessie Hanna
Mike Do	Don Herrington	Kathy Busby	Sara Sparman
Jeremy Browning	Rebecca Nevedale	Chuck Bassett	
Jeff Gray	Susie Cannata	Dana Goodloe	
Kristin Cipolla	Pete Wertheim	Patty Gast	

- **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 September 19, 2014. Chairperson Rigler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Each committee member and visitor gave a brief introduction of themselves.

- **Minute Review/Approval of August 15, 2014**

A request for a revision was proposed. Committee Member Aspery moved to approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Elliot. Revised minutes will be posted to the website: <http://azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/financing-advisory-committee.php>

- **Helping Providers Access Vaccines**

Presentation: [Access to Vaccines & the Economic Landscape](#)
Phyllis Arthur, *Senior Director*
Vaccines, Immunotherapeutics & Diagnostics Policy
Biotechnology Industry Organization

The presentation gave an overview of the vaccine development and manufacturing and included some vaccine purchasing options. Discussion included:

- Direction and steps the state of Colorado has taken in a similar legislation process concerning immunization.
- Committee Member Newton inquired about the differential between pricing for large and small purchasing groups. Committee Member Arthur identified the CDC price list as the best indicator for the highest and lowest prices.
- Committee member Shoptaugh urged the committee to consider the payment side as well as pricing. If vaccine pricing decreases, will payment decrease as well? There is a need to cover both areas.

- Committee Member Aspery recommended the advisory committee explore Ohio's provider purchasing model further.
 - Committee Member Tinney expressed concerns that buying groups may require exclusive contracts, which could restrict choice, but that open contracts could cause manufacturers to charge higher prices. Committee Member Tinney mentioned the possibility for TAPI to explore contracts for public health and rural providers with the possibility of payment rates calculated as a percentage of the contract pricing
- **Future Meeting Topics**
 - Next meeting is October 17, 2014. The time and location is to be announced.
 - Chairperson Rigler asked whether the committee would be interested in hearing from other health insurance plans or AHIP on things like models used in other states. Committee Member Klug indicated that AHIP probably would be unable to share payment formulas, but may be able to share a generic methodology for payment calculation.
 - Committee members discussed vaccine administration fees, payment, and formulas used, with discussion of payment at 123% of CDC list price.
 - Committee Members Carroll and Aspery recommended against the VFAAC recommending legislation mandating a set rate for payment.
 - Committee Member Ridgeway reminded the committee that pharmacists also need to be considered as a vaccine provider group
 - Chairperson Rigler will ask AHIP to talk to the committee about reimbursement price and different approaches taken globally
 - Committee Member Arthur will ask the manufacturers about cost increases, the timing of the increases and the lack of time the Insurers have to react and will discuss with the companies of what they think goes into the CDC published prices
 - Committee members will review and fine tune Committee Member Aspery's four suggestions from August 15th meeting of Cost, Purchase, Reimbursement and Availability to generate recommendations
 - Consider changing "reimbursement" to "payment"
- **Report Approach**

Address each of the four areas on HB 2491 by listing what the committee recommendations are for each and why.
- **Call to the Public**

A clarification was made and noted that the Ohio AAP Chapter does not have a group purchasing organization (GPO), but rather has a relationship with a GPO in Ohio.
- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.