



## DCIC Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

12:00-1:30pm

**Zoom Recording:** [COVID and Flu Updates](#) Passcode: w3S\*QL&7

1. **Welcome:** Cara Winsand, Chair
  - a. Date scheduled for 2022 membership meetings, please put on calendars!
    - i. February 15, 2022
    - ii. May 17, 2022
    - iii. August 16, 2022
    - iv. November 15, 2022
2. **Treasurer Report:** Bobbie Rogers
  - a. Balance \$30,507.69 with no outstanding expenses
3. **Topic:** COVID check in and Influenza Updates
  - COVID: Updates from Health Systems, 5-12 year old eligibility
  - Pediatric administration tips
  - Vaccine hesitancies tips
  - Influenza: Updates
4. **Updates from Health Systems:**
  - Bobbie Rogers- SSM Health
    - Flu vaccines are all at PCP locations and specialty locations, offering nurse scheduled flu only clinics also but trying to capture patients where they are receiving care
    - Weekend appointments as well on Saturdays
    - Will occasionally accept walk-ins when they occur, but encouraging people to schedule
    - COVID vaccines are the same format at flu, offering both vaccines at the same time.
    - Started giving to 5-11 population week of September 30th. Over 1000 were given in the first week of this group.
    - Across region, giving 3500 vaccines per week
    - Not a lot of problems with holding techniques, side effects, etc. Prepped staff with info for working with kids.
    - Kids are excited to be getting vaccines! ☺
  - Teresa Kuntzsch- UW Health
    - Flu vaccines are down for the number we have vaccinated
    - All PCP clinics are giving flu and some specialty care clinics are giving flu
    - "Make a plan with the patient" is what they are promoting to providers so if the provider is not giving it. Especially helpful with telehealth which we are seeing a lot of.
    - John Waal drive location open for drive through flu 18+ only
    - Weekend clinics at Union Corners
    - Pharmacies are also giving vaccines

- Several thousand vaccines below where we were last year for flu. Is it because they are giving them outside of our UW system?
- Moving back to centralized model for 5-11 so it is not at PCP clinics due to staffing and not wasting vaccines
- Utilizing buzzy bee, distraction, etc. and it is working well. No major side effects.
- Schedules are very full so looking at vaccine that we are receiving vs how many appts we can schedule
- Looking at sending a 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder for vaccines in MyChart to increase numbers. Usually by January patients are saying “I already got my flu shot” and we can update it.
- Gwen Long- GHC
  - Saturday flu clinic in Deforest and flu pop up clinics when we have extra staffing.
  - As peds vaccine became available, we closed flu clinics and made them peds appts. Has been going for 2 weeks and going well.
  - Superhero theme and decorations for the peds clinics at our Admin building on the west side and Deforest clinic on east side. Capes, stuffed animals, other giveaways. Also have an area that we can vaccinate in a separate room to get them away from others.
  - Trying to promote flu at every visit
  - Giving boosters to staff
  - Ensuring that all staff have received necessary training and huddles before every clinic to avoid errors
  - People tend to be “vaccine weary” with Shingles, COVID, etc. so slightly behind on flu also
- Ann Wagaman- Associated Physicians
  - Experience is what others have said
  - Encouraging flu vaccine at all appts
  - Flu clinics during the week and having pop up flu clinics if extra staff
  - Doing COVID clinics in different departments, but some concern about having all of the different prep options
  - Adult COVID clinics during the week and Peds COVID clinic every Saturday to keep separate
  - Balancing staff, supplies, and physical space to hold clinics is challenging
  - Not a lot of issues with peds clinics
- Shannon Ripp- Access Community Health Center
  - Started with peds 5-11
  - Current population is 1800 kiddos, want to vaccinate about half within our system
  - Only offering Saturday for peds since we have so many different patients in an at risk population already during the week
  - Offered all vaccines at Saturday clinics for flu and catch up vaccines
  - How are we going to continue to offer past 3 clinics we have scheduled
  - 56% of our total population 12+ has been vaccinated
  - 60% of 18+ have gotten at least one dose
  - 82% 65+ have gotten at least one dose
  - Not yet tracking how many peds doses we have given then will share
  - Have 2 staff checking for reconstitution
  - Our staff are using their trusted relationships to help decrease hesitancy, also being honest about history of medical racism
  - Flu updates: we ran flu clinics in mid-September and now winding down
  - 2900 between kids and adults for flu

- Offering flu vaccine at every visit
- Melissa Horton- UnityPoint Health- Meriter
  - Flu are starting to wind down, lower rates than usual but messaging is go where you can to get flu
  - Will sometimes accommodate walk-ins
  - Same with COVID vaccines
  - Did not receive any vaccines for peds until last Friday so yesterday was first day and only at 1 clinic site
  - Trying to color coordinate everything to keep vaccines separate
  - Challenges: besides delay in vaccines nothing else
  - 3000 on panel that fit that age group in our system
  - Flu clinics dying down soon and trying to switch out with peds vaccines if needed
- Tess Ellens- Public Health Madison & Dane County
  - <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/navigating-the-arena-at-alliant-energy-center>
- Brian Stamm-ETF
  - Policy changes to try and open up pharmacy settings
  - <https://etf.wi.gov/health/your-health-benefits-and-covid-19>
  - Data from 2020:
    - 188,000 flu vaccines given, increase of 27,000 vaccines year to year
    - Over 25,000 vaccines at a pharmacy
    - Significant increase for flu last year
    - Decrease in overall childhood vaccinations
    - Have some students in a Practicum program to develop a website: <https://etfcovid-19vaccinecampaign.weebly.com/>
  - Data from 2021:
    - COVID: over 81,000 first doses just this year alone, over ½ that has been at a pharmacy
    - Over 2500 influenza clinics
    - No UTD flu vaccine info
    - Things are going smoothly overall
- Ryan Bender- Forward Pharmacy
  - Was the employer mandate effective, yes we are seeing first doses come in based on that population
  - Appt based for all vaccines but won't turn anyone away. Encourage to make an appt if someone calls.
  - We wanted to give everyone a chance to get vaccine the first day they are eligible in our 5 locations. Ran 6 weekend clinics in a gym, cafeteria, commons and worked with schools. Enough spots for every child in the district to get a dose.
  - Over 6 clinics we gave just over 2000 Pfizer to 5-11 year olds which was great. Used a lot of volunteers and staff.
  - Also had a private area for kids who needed more privacy
  - No adverse reactions but had EMS on site
  - Chance to do another time for their 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment
  - Brian Stamm has helped to expand ETF access to pharmacies
  - Flu numbers have been huge for us, busiest ever. Last year was busiest ever and this year beat that. We found that because of clinics being closed people went to pharmacies because they are more accessible. More like an errand, less than appointment.
  - Ran out of flu vaccine!

- Open on weekends and evenings to keep access open.
- Hillary Plumb- CVS/Hy-Vee Pharmacy
  - Vaccine director for AMI contracting with DHS
  - Started with 6 counties in spring, in past few weeks partnered with PHMDC at AEC
  - Taken over a lot of the WNG operations across the state
  - Providing peds vaccines at AEC
  - No incidents or reactions
  - EMS is at AEC at all times
  - Last week gave 1839 doses of peds at AEC
  - Still open appts!
  - Doing a double check and need to completely clear workstation before handing other vaccines.
- Dawn Sebranek, MMSD
  - MMSD is doing three COVID vaccine clinics in partnership with SSM Health for 5-11 year old students. We have a cumulative total of 350 students with appointments for this Friday and Saturday.
- Staffing conversation:
  - Relying on a lot of volunteering because short on staff
  - Some agencies can't get staff locally so using national traveling nurses to help
- 100 Black Men of Madison started an initiative to get information to the black population in Dane County, used a lot of social media outlets to get info out
  - Also worked with students to get info out
  - Vaccine rates went up once the social media things went out
  - Lots of partnering possibilities to understand vaccine hesitancy

Sanofi Pasteur shared this flyer highlighting the importance of receiving both a COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu Vaccine. Both vaccines can be administered on the same day.

[Help Protect Your Community by Coadministering COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu Shots this Season](#)

**Have updates or ideas for future topics?** Please email us!

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