

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Meeting Reports



CDC Advisory Committees

- 24 in existence at this time
- Provide a means for expert input and recommendations for the Federal government
- List of committees/boards of scientific counselors for the CDC can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/maso/FACM/facmCommittees.htm>



Advisory Committees

- CLIAC is one of these committees
- Others are providing guidance and advice on public health issues such as:
 - Occupational and environmental health
 - Infection control
 - Smoking
 - Breast and cervical cancer
 - HIV, STDs and Tuberculosis
 - Childhood and adult immunizations



October Meeting

- Convened by Dr. Gerberding, CDC Director
- Discussed:
 - Healthiest Nation initiative
 - CDC's budget
 - Provide networking and communication opportunities to the Chairs/committees



Healthiest Nation

- Launched in July 2008
 - In response to the fact that U.S. spends almost 2 trillion on health care
 - Not even in the top 10 for any health measures
- As of Oct. 15th, 96 employers or organizations have joined
 - <http://www.healthiestnation.org/>



Healthiest Nation

- The founding organizations are the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association of County and City Health Officials.
- A national system where health is valued and we work to achieve optimal health for all



Healthiest Nation

- Change the focus from health “care” to health maintenance
 - Change from measuring disease to tracking health measures
 - Engaging Americans in every day settings
 - Healthy homes
 - Healthy communities
 - Healthy workplaces



CDC Budget

- Described complexities of CDC's budget
 - Much of the budget comes from Congress pre-appropriated to specific projects, centers and programs
 - Over 200 budget lines which include:
 - Six coordinating centers
 - Five cross-cutting initiatives
 - Twelve national centers
 - 60 functional areas and
 - Over 100 programs



Budget and Organizational Challenges

- Limited flexibility
- Erosion of buying power
- Insufficient resources to support initiatives such as Healthiest Nation
- No Emergency funding flexibility
- Only real budgetary increases have been for vaccines for children



- Advisory Committee to the Director and some committee chairs formulated recommendations
 - Budget process, appropriations structure and management structure needs to be streamlined
 - CDC needs to develop a new approach to performance assessment and management to show the value of its activities



- CDC should commission a study to optimize the organizational structure and address the following:
 - The appropriate balance between discretionary and non-discretionary funding
 - Centralization of administrative functions to create efficiencies and economies of scale
 - Possible reconfiguration/consolidation of Centers and programs



Utilization of Resources

- Is there value to creating a network of chairs of the 24 committees?
- Can we facilitate communication
 - Now have somewhat regularly scheduled conference calls and meetings
- Will this increase public input to CDC?



Coordinating Center for Infectious Disease

- Convened four working groups in December 2008
 - National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
 - National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne and Enteric Diseases
 - National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs and Tuberculosis
 - National Center for Preparedness, Detection and Control of Infectious Diseases



Agenda

- Day One:
 - NCPDCID Updates
 - Vaccine acceptance issues
 - Healthcare personnel vaccinations
 - NCPDCID Strategic planning
 - Peer Review Updates
- Day Two:
 - Antimicrobial resistance



Vaccine Acceptance

- Discussed attitudes and concerns about vaccines
- Reviewed current efforts to educate parents
 - Focus Groups with Moms in 2008
 - Provider toolkit
 - Media toolkit with National Public Health Information Coalition
 - Use of social networking sites, PSAs, blogs
 - Pilot program with state of Washington
 - Need additional research



Vaccine Acceptance

- CDC seeking input on most effective ways to address parental concerns, support immunization providers and increase vaccination rates
- “Context” today
 - Encouraging critical consumerism of health care
 - No time for dialogue
 - Information dissemination instantaneous
 - Lack of epidemics of preventable diseases



Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Vaccinations

- Update of HCP immunization recommendations in progress
- Efforts to Improve Coverage
 - State regulations targeting long term care settings
 - JC requirements to offer vaccine to staff (2007-08)
 - HHS initiative
www.hhs.gov/ophs/programs/initiatives/vacctoolkits/

National Influenza Vaccine Summit

- Sponsored by AMA and CDC
- <http://www.preventinfluenza.org/profs.workers.asp>
- Efforts to measure coverage through surveys
- Influenza Vaccination Module to be released January 2009
 - Help facilities monitor vaccination rates and efforts



NCPDCID UPDATES

- Personnel changes
 - Roberta Carey, PhD, Acting Director, DLS
- External Reviews/Program Evaluations
 - DLS in October 2008
- National MRSA Education Initiative
- International Emerging Infections Program



- Workgroup discussion attempted to provide specific, constructive feedback on strategic planning report
 - Make some goals more global
 - Goals need to be more specific and measurable
 - More of a roadmap than strategies

