

Meeting Minutes
Vaccine Committee Meeting
July 31, 2025; 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT

I. Attendance. This meeting was conducted virtually. Participating in all or part of the meeting were the following individuals:

<u>Statutory Members</u>	25 Libby Page, MPH, King County Public Health
Ed Marcuse, MD, Emeritus Professor of	26 Amy Person, MD, Benton-Franklin Health
Pediatrics, University of Washington, <i>Chair</i>	27 District
John Dunn, MD, MPH, Kaiser	28 Kristi A. Rice, MD, Providence
Jamalia Sherls, DNP, MPH, RN, CPN, CDP	29 Sherri Zorn, MD, DOH & WVA Consultant
Hema Sivasubramanian, MD, Aetna	30
Julia Zell, MA, Esq., Executive Director	31 <u>Administrative Staff</u>
	32 Cheri Cagle, Stakeholder Liaison
<u>Other Members</u>	33 Janel Jorgenson, WA DOH
Amy Carter, MD, Allegro Pediatrics	34 Ashley Ithal, MPH, Project Support Leader
Carrie Jenner, MD, Pierce County	35 Patrick Miller, MPH, WVA, Administrative
Immunization Coalition (PCIC)	36 Director
Gretchen Lasalle, MD, Rockwood Clinic	37 Kerrie Walker, Deputy Manager
Jennifer Maxwell, MD, Family Physician	38
Jay Miller, MD, Tacoma Pierce County Health	39 <u>Other</u>
Department	40 Juliet Dang, CSL Seqirus
Gib Morrow, MD, Kitsap Public Health District	41 Bob Runnells, Informed Choice WA

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II. Summary of Actions Taken and/or Recommended

Actions Taken (votes adopted)

- i. To approve Vaccine Committee meeting minutes April 17, 2025.

III. Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

At 11:02 a.m. Dr. Marcuse called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting would be recorded for the benefit of the minute taker.

Calendar Consent Items

Dr. Marcuse asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Vaccine Committee meeting minutes April 17, 2024.

IV. Recent Events & WA Response

Measles/Pertussis

Dr. Marcuse provided an overview of measles and pertussis in WA and stated that the implications of declaring an outbreak would be widespread.

ACIP, FDA, HHS Reorganization and WA Response, and VAC

Federal changes to the organizations responsible for vaccine approval and recommendations have added confusion to vaccine distribution in WA and nationally. ACIP meetings are still occurring with a different



panel of members recently appointed by the HHS Secretary. At its most recent meeting in June, ACIP decided to no longer support thimerosal containing vaccines. While this minimally impacts Washington, it is likely to impact other states. Dr. Dunn stated that CDC vaccine schedule changes would likely result in a myriad of issues related to vaccine uptake, outbreaks, etc.

Physician Perspective

Dr. Marcuse asked the physicians on the call to share their patient/parent experiences. Several observed a growing divide between those parents who worry about vaccine access while others resist vaccination altogether. Several reported that while parents have still been open to having conversations, those who felt hesitant about a vaccine schedule are reportedly more likely to either modify the schedule or not vaccinate at all.

V. Public Comments

Dr. Marcuse invited members of the public to speak if they had comments. Public comments were received from Mr. Runnells from Informed Choice Washington and Juliet Dang from Seqirus.

VI. Fall Ordering

Ms. Jorgenson provided an update on vaccines which will be available for respiratory season. She reported that influenza vaccines have already arrived at McKesson. She further highlighted that COVID-19 and RSV products were expected to be available in time for respiratory season. Ms. Jorgenson anticipated that vaccine distribution will be slow at the start of the respiratory season, which is typical. There will be a provider webinar, hosted by DOH, on August 21st related to 2025-26 respiratory season ordering controls.

VII. Limiting Vaccine Loss

Ms. Zell highlighted ongoing issues with provider billing and assessment collection and the associated impact on the current financial position of the WVA. She noted that the WVA is continuing to work with the DOH on Vaccine Assessment Loss (VAL) efforts including payer dosage-based assessment (DBA) compliance and provider outreach and education. Discussion took place regarding some of the drivers for VAL and strategies to address them.

VIII. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. PT.