

1. Call Logistics

Item	Monthly Virtual Mtg –PA Statewide HPV/HBV Vaccination Workgroup Meeting Notes
Date	Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time	12noon-12:50pm
Location	Microsoft Teams Call
Purpose/Focus	PA Statewide HPV/HBV Stakeholders Monthly Discussion/Sharing
Notetaker	Erika Christiansen

2. Attendees

Role Call is taken as stakeholders enter the Microsoft Teams Platform (Total of 31 Stakeholders on this call), we ask stakeholders to put their names and organizations in the chat, so everyone can see who all is on the call. Many emails from members who were unable to attend today.

Pam Schauer, Erika Christiansen, Chelsea Bufalini, Brenda Anastasio, Sarah Childers-Strawbridge, Diane McClue, Lori Handy, Judith Rems, Kate Mastalski, Beth Ketchum, Jennifer King, Laura Toole, Lynn Laurence, Lia BenYishay, Patrick Loftus, Amy Luzier Barrett, Paula Novalbilski, Lauren Orkis, Candace Sanderson, Kyle Spencer, Nellie Tran-McLaughlin, Beth Smith, Robert Bonacci, Amy Leader, Emily Howell, Jillian Brown, Rebecca Carper, Rishi Sharma, Mona Mozaffarian, Srijana Parajuli, Aasta Mehta, Lori Handy

3. Agenda

Reoccurring Agenda Format:

- Welcome & new member introductions
- Member Spotlight
- Old Business
- New Business/Resource Sharing
- Open Sharing

4. Welcome by Pam Schauer —

- a. Welcome to launch the call

5. Member Spotlight by Chelsea Bufalini –

- a. Robert Bonacci, MD, MPH - Special Advisor to PA’s Secretary of Health
 - i. Cervical cancer is starting to be eliminated within certain communities
 - ii. Herd immunity is also being identified in some populations
 - iii. Australia – considering moving cervical cancer screening to once every 15 or 20 years
 - iv. Governor Shapiro is determined to keep decisions grounded in scientific evidence
 - v. Creating materials to promote accurate information and on-time vaccination

- vi. Making sure that vaccine access remains even if changes occur to the VFC program
- b. Lori Handy, MD, MSCE - Associate director of the Vaccine Education Center (CHOP)
 - i. Current Immunization Landscape
 - 1. Changes to vaccine development processes, outbreak statuses, institutions promoting vaccines, how parents receive information
 - a. Also differences in funding, priorities, FDA processes, ACIP, etc.
 - 2. Changes have not all been supported by a transparent process and families are now navigating new information to figure out how to make decisions for their families
 - a. Rumors exist and persist, leading to large scale distrust
 - ii. Vaccine Education Center Response
 - 1. Been around since 2000 (post-Andrew Wakefield)
 - 2. Has many resources – website, podcast, monthly YouTube videos
 - a. Parents PACK
 - i. For families specifically
 - ii. Trivia, game for kids, vaccine dictionary, personal stories, information about vaccines
 - iii. How do we communicate all of this?
 - 1. Communication is critical to rebuild vaccine confidence
 - 2. Education is not the same as communication
 - a. Unidirectional vs. bidirectional
 - b. For the public, education is NECESSARY but not SUFFICIENT
 - iv. Looking ahead
 - 1. “understand which hat you’re wearing”
 - 2. Consider training competencies
 - a. Public Health Communications Collaborative
 - 3. Communicating in clinical care – additional training is available

Q&A time---great questions from the group. Dr. Handy shared some awesome guidance on how to address hardline non-vaccinators. Excellent way to frame this message was shared.

6. Old Business by Chelsea Bufalini —

- a. Lauren Orkis – HBV Updates
 - i. Gearing up for May – Hepatitis Awareness Month
 - ii. At the state, getting ready to release surveillance reports, dashboard coming out soon, 2024 snapshot, etc.
 - iii. HepFree PA call next Friday, 3/27/26
 - iv. Working on an education material with multiple programs at the state (STD partners, HBV, HIV). Developing materials for hospitals to disseminate to woman who haven’t had prenatal care.
 - 1. Aasta Mehta – In Philadelphia, developing a pregnancy care consortium
 - a. Pennsylvania ACOG may also be a resource for you

7. New Business/Resource Sharing by Pam Schauer –

- a. New members: Aasta Mehta---OB GYN in Philadelphia

8. Open Sharing by Chelsea Bufalini —

- a. New member welcome postponed till April

9. Closing by Chelsea Bufalini —

Our next meeting will be April 16, 2026—Thank you!