

## 1. Call Logistics

Item	Monthly Virtual Mtg –PA Statewide HPV Vaccination Workgroup Meeting Notes
Date	Thursday, August 21, 2025
Time	12noon-12:45pm
Location	Microsoft Teams Call
Purpose/Focus	PA Statewide HPV/HBV Workgroup Stakeholders Monthly Discussion/Sharing—priority work PCC Cancer Plan
Notetaker	Chelsea Bufalini

## 2. Attendees

Role Call is taken as stakeholders enter the Microsoft Teams Platform (Total of 19 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.

Brenda Anastasio, Chelsea Bufalini, William Calo, Alix Casler, Erika Christiansen, Mana Mozaffarian, Malini Moni, Michaela Jackson, Nikole Johnston, Lauren Orkis, Pam Schauer, Srijana Parajuli, Tiara Parker, Paula Di Gregory, Candance Sanderson, Kyle Spencer, Stephanie Mihailescu, Vanessa Wilder, Stephen Negron-Candelario

## 3. Agenda

### Reoccurring Agenda Format:

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

## 4. Welcome by Pam Schauer —

- a. Welcome to launch the call, gave an overview of the topics for the agenda.
- b. New members: no new members

## 5. Stakeholder Spotlight by Pam Schauer —

- a. Lauren Orkis
  - i. Developed training to track HepB to improve completeness of surveillance data, 4 trainings, 60 min, offered CEs.
  - ii. Also, offer training to County Health Departments
  - iii. Training helps to gather data and explain trends
  - iv. Has a recorded training on PA TRAIN with CEs attached

## 6. Old Business by Pam Schauer —

- a. August is immunization awareness month
- b. Dr. Alix Casler – EPIC February update 2025 re: adult vaccine recommendation and shared decision making. Many organizations are delayed in selecting the update. Helps with understanding eligibility for shared decision making. EPIC doesn't dictate clinical practice; individual organizations have to choose what is integrated into their practice.

- i. Merck representatives are now allowed to discuss HPV education with dental technicians. Brenda connected Dr. Casler & Kyle to Helen and Lia at PA Coalition Oral Health
- c. William is interested in learning more about the shared clinical decision making and tools for this. Has a colleague that is developing a tool to aid in this
- d. Sri – EPIC provided a toolkit for providers on how to integrate new recommendations into their EHR – will share link if she can find it
  - i. Dynavax offers tools
  - ii. PIERS will prompt providers on which vaccines are needed for patients
  - iii. Pam shared the 3 links to EPIC resources that Sri mentioned on the call
- e. Pam – ACS provides shared decision-making tools on CRC screening and ACS is partnering with EPIC on integrating their developed tools into the EHR platform Pam shared the 2 EPIC flyer about the new ACS & EPIC partnership with the group as well.
- f. **Candance** – the 29<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Immunization Conference 2025 on June 13<sup>th</sup>. 526 attendees (355 in-person, 171 virtual). Dr. Bogen presented, included national and local vaccine experts

## 7. **New Business/Resource Sharing** by Pam Schauer —

- a. Several items included in calendar invite including:
  - i. Get Involved This August email from National Immunization Awareness Month
  - ii. On the Path to Prevention Newsletter
  - iii. PA State Vaccination Snapshot
  - iv. Why Use Primary HPV Testing a Resource for Providers
  - v. Registration for the National Immunization Month Webinar
  - vi. Supplemental HPV Table based on Annual NIS-TEEN data from 2024
- b. HBV- Hepatitis B Vaccination – presented by Michaela Jackson
  - i. **Project ECHO: Hepatitis B Vaccination Across the Lifespan** - a clinical discussion on hepatitis B vaccination, including administration, what vaccines are available for which populations, and how to increase hepatitis B vaccination in clinical settings: <https://youtu.be/qIOVuHxhSHs?si=FwBiSyjVtmFQUrCz>
  - ii. **Hepatitis B Immunization in Pennsylvania Webinars:**
    - 1. Parts 1: Hepatitis B Virus - Epidemiology and Prevention: <https://youtu.be/or2e8-w4Pl4?si=piAjkWYIFadZl5Jf>
    - 2. Part 2: Implementing Universal Adult Hepatitis B Vaccine Recommendations: <https://youtu.be/pAZUWGKy--8?si=esmN6Uyyw-q4uL2F>
  - iii. New **#justB Story** on universal hepatitis B birth dose - Janet & Kurt: <https://youtu.be/cBlddkdtfAU>
  - iv. B **Heppy Podcast**: Why the First Shot Matters: Confronting Hepatitis B Birth Dose Hesitancy - A conversation with Dr. David Higgins from the American Academy of Pediatrics
    - 1. In this episode, Bright and Anousha invited Dr. David Higgins, a pediatrician and leading expert in vaccine delivery and communication from University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. He sheds light on common myths and misconceptions about the hepatitis B birth dose

and offers practical strategies for healthcare providers and advocates to address concerns with parents using empathy and evidence-based science. **Link:** <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1729790/episodes/17638054>

- c. **Sri** – EPIC implementation guide updated in July. Global health initiated a workgroup recently released a lot of resources that support education and testing of HepB testing and vaccination. Many good resources available. Not copyrighted and can be used by your organization. Offering a webinar that will be sent via email.
- d. **Candance** - Save the date – Pennsylvania Immunization Conference 2026 Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (30<sup>th</sup> year). Looking for speaker suggestions as they begin planning, information for suggestions will be available on their website
- e. HPV Vaccination-
  - i. **National HPV Social Media Toolkit:** [ec99fb09-8011-40d1-8e5d-b2b9015d352e Original file.pdf](#)
  - ii. **New HPV PA Snap-shot document**---please see attached from the ACS and the Big 12 HPV Summit in Chicago in June 2025.
  - iii. **Dr. Calo** – Still recruiting for podcast project, Vaxxed and Answered. Can email William ([wcalo@pennstatehealth.psu.edu](mailto:wcalo@pennstatehealth.psu.edu)) or Erika for more information ([echristiansen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu](mailto:echristiansen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu)).
    - 1. Will be moving into HPV self-collection and creating an educational intervention for this. There are multiple things happening with updated USPTF guidelines for in-clinic testing, FDA-approved tests for at home testing but not yet approved by USPTF.

**8. Open Sharing** by Pam Schauer —

- a. None.

**9. Closing** by William Calo —

- a. Our next meeting will be September 18, 2025—Thank you!