



## Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: Massachusetts Medical Society

860 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Commonwealth Room

### MAIC Meeting Minutes

<b>In Person</b>		<b>Attendees: 20</b>
<b>LAST</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Alie	Robyn	Mass. Medical Society
Arnold	Richard	Lasell University
Belanger	Joanne	Town of Andover
Burke	Alexandra	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.
Clark	Ted	MDPH
Daly	Kim	Merck
Dutra	Don	DHA-IHD
Enos	Melissa	EOEA
Hofmann	Korey	American Cancer Society
James	Thushara	Healthcentric Advisors
Lett	Susan	MADPH
McKenzie	Mary	ANA MA
McReynolds	Cynthia	MCAAP Immunization Initiative
Morales	Vanesa	JSI
Rahall	Brittany	Commonwealth Medicine
Reilly	Katie	MDPH
Romero	Ashley	MDPH
Sgueglia	Amy	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.
Vanucci	Rebecca	Merck
<b>Webinar</b>		<b>Attendees: 38</b>
<b>LAST</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Belanger	Joanne	Town of Andover
Braley	Theresa	Health Choice Massachusetts



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C	J	EHS
Choi	Elisa	American College of Physicians, MA Chapter
Costanza	Kim	Healthcare South
Courtney	Laurie	MDPH
Hampton	Donna	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
James	Thushura	Healthcentric Advisors
Kearney	Sharon	Milford Regional Medical Center
Kramer	Angela	Ludlow Board of Health
Lebrun	Evelyn	Brockton Board of Health
Marie	Nicole	
Martha	Ayano	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
Milnes	Wendy	Merck
Moran	Michelle	Commonwealth Medicine
Muir	Adam	MDPH
Proffitt	Barbara	Mass League
Rimplia	Erica	North Suffolk Mental Health Association
Ryan	Holly	New England Home Health Services
Ryder	Laura	Tufts Health Plan
Sorrentino	Kerry	Chelmsford Board of Health
Sporer	Abigail	Sequiris
Stoddard	Patricia	Bay State Health
Sullivan	Keleigh	Lowell General Circle Health
Sullivan	Marianne	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Sullivan	Marilyn	Hc4a
Talebian	Pejman	MDPH - Immunization
Thoburn	Elizabeth	Pfizer
White	Lisa	Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Whittaker	Kathy	Winchester Health Dept
plus 8 unidentified callers		



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### Welcome and Introductions - Amy Sgueglia

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#### 2019-2020 Flu Season Updates - Susan Lett, MDPH

- Summary of slide deck adapted from CDC Prepare your Practice to Fight Flu
  - Techniques to make a strong influenza vaccine recommendation and tips for increasing vaccination rates within your practice.
  - Addressing questions and vaccine refusals, removing common perceived barriers
  - HCP resources: [CDC Fight Flu Toolkit](#), [CDC Maternal Vaccination Toolkit](#)
- Guidance: [2019-2020 ACIP Flu Recs](#) 4-Page Summary 2019-2020, [ACIP Flu Recs](#), [Updated ACIP Recommendations for HPV Vaccination for Adults](#)
- Fact Sheets: [Making a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation](#) (MSFVR), [MSFVR Ages 50-64](#), [MSFVR Ages 65+](#), [Flu Vaccine: Get the Facts](#)
- Website reference: [CDC Influenza \(Flu\) page](#)

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#### Brockton Neighborhood Health Center's Response to Hepatitis A Outbreak Among Homeless and those with Substance Use Disorders - Martha Ayano, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center

- 3 main sites, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The smallest one is in a homeless shelter- Mainspring Homeless Shelter (Father Bills) since 1986. It is an emergency shelter open 430p-930a. This location is mainly transient homeless people – difficult to treat, not a lot of faith in established health care system
- Outbreak: Most of the cases (81%) ended in hospitalization. There were 7 deaths, by April 2018. In July 2018 BOH called her to discuss HepA in Brockton. At that point the shelter had no health care services. HepA patients were not from the shelter, population was not sharing where they were staying
- Immunization clinic: Had access to imm records through EMR, confident staff, storage and recs, administration of vacc. Developed standing orders quickly, HepA info available online and easily reproduced (used CDC resources) info sheet and posters. HepA immunizations at shelter during lunch/dinner – when populations were at shelter. For those not at the shelter, many encampments in Brockton, they enlisted help from health workers to go to encampment to provide info and support about HepA. Also at drop-in centers in Brockton for food, videos, community support.
- Martha has been at the Brockton Neighborhood health clinic for 18 yrs, as a shelter clinicit also runs some education programs for the homeless. Since Martha is well known to this group they were able to immunize many in a short period of time (27 people in one day!) which is amazing since many are suspicious of shots in this population. She provided both and immunization space and a place to stay after and rest. As the first HepA vaccine is up to 95% effective, they concentrated on getting at least the first dose, then did future outreach clinics. They provided



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the first dose to 216 people, and 54 second dose. Due to location of clinic (downtown Boston and inside homeless shelter) there is a high level of substance use/mental health issues which makes it difficult to get people to come in.

- They also provided these immunizations at: Drop in clinic, Drop in at The Haven, Center that gives out clothing & personal hygiene products (immunizations inside during afternoon meal), Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, STI clinic, HIV clinic, HepC clinic – prev would vaccinate for HepB, but not HepA
- They were most successful at the first church location (Pastor Roberto's church), and at another church (with the Saturday clothes program). They were not as successful at her own clinic. People were more comfortable at these locations, felt less judgement, lack of health insurance, didn't want to go to an established clinic. They don't want to make an apt, or wait in an office, don't have health insurance, feel that they have to dress up to go in to a clinic, or apologize for their appearance. It was not successful to engage in healthcare in their own home/encampments, they were only able to make contact but will not accept services here
- The outbreak seemed to be controlled in Brockton, so there was a lower amount of second doses

### Comments:

- Katie Reilly – HepC giving HepB, Will give HepA only to homeless or substance use pop (many are not honest about being homeless)
- Susan – Impressive planning to get this up and running

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### Reports from the Field

- Ted Clark, MDPH: Flu report, first week of September – social media, DOT billboards – 2 designs, mother/child and seniors

### Manufacturer updates

- Merck Supply update - Rebecca Vanucci, Merck
- Limited flumist supply – Katie Reilly

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### Other News/Future Topics/Next Meeting - Amy Sgueglia, JSI

- Vaccination against HepA and Mening project - JSI Vanessa Morales and Amy Sgueglia
- Information on flu clinics, waiting for ACIP clinic recommendations - Katie Reilly
- MIAP conference – Oct 17, flyers in the room. Request for promotion through other networks
- HPV Annual summit, Dec 6 at Marlborough, American Cancer Society - Korey Hoffman
- **Next MAIC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 28, 2019 @ 6:30 - 8:30pm
- **SAVE THE DATE! 25th Annual MA Adult Immunization Conference - Tuesday, April 14, 2020.** Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center
- Next Conference Planning Committee Meeting. 10/22/2019 @ 10:30am (conference call)



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