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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group Tuesday, January 5, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Gail Knight, Mark Sawyer, Eric McDonald, Kelly Motadel, Ankita Kadakia, Jeffrey Norris, John Malone, Rodney Hood, Wilma Wooten, Anise Coley, Brett Austin, Carey Riccitelli, Denise Foster, Denise Lozares, Nicole Esposito, Emily Do, Jon Montgomery, Jennifer Wheeler, Karl Steinberg, Merlie Ramira, Jeanette Aldous, Nikos Gurfield, Samantha Williams, Sayone Thihalolipavan, Christian Ramers, Daniel Calac, Ruth Kirby; Kristi Koenig

Members Absent: Carl Medina, Nick Macchione, Laura Chechel

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I. Roll call and Reminder of Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group called to order by at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2021. Please remember to follow established ground rules. (raise your hand feature, be collegial) 			

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<p>II. Vote on Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the final meeting minutes for December 29, 2020. The motion to approve was seconded, all present voted yes. 			
<p>III. County/CDPH vaccine updates</p>	<p>Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local health officer can report any provider that is not adhering to Federal and State vaccination requirements/guidance <p>CDPH Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Phase 1b tier 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons 75 and older, those at risk of exposure at work in sectors of Education, Childcare, Emergency Services, Food and Agriculture ○ Expecting more guidance from state on who classifies as Emergency Services • Updated Phase 1b tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons 65-74, those at risk of exposure in sectors of Transportation and Logistics, Industrial, Commercial, Residential, Sheltering Facilities and Services, Critical Manufacturing, and Congregate Settings with outbreak risk: Incarcerated and Homeless • CDPH estimating Phase 1b will open first week of February • Updated Phase 1c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons 50-64, persons 16-64 with underlying health condition/disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19, those at risk of exposure in sectors of: Water and Wastewater, Defense, Energy, Chemical and Hazardous Materials, Communications and IT, Financial Services, Gov't Operations and Community Based Essential Functions • CDPH as well as County have opened up tiers 2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Message is being distributed on the County's healthcare professional website, vaccine webpage and healthcare sector telebriefing ○ Groups in Tiers 2 and 3 can sign up in Covidreadi or for vaccine PODs if not associated with a vaccination site 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentists approved to be vaccinators on 1.4.2021 by the state, there is training that needs to be completed before they can vaccinate. • CDPH discussion of holding 2nd doses of vaccine to vaccinate more people – recommend that County continue to adhere to 2 dose regiment. • Smartsheet Vaccination Notification Form is now available for those needing vaccine but that are not vaccinators, providers input professional information to be assigned a tier and notifications are managed accordingly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 3,000 providers have registered and are being contacted for appointments <p>Vaccine Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out Regional Vaccine PODs in North, East, South and Central and building up capacity for more – operations is looking at where to place other PODs with health equity perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PODs will operate 7 days/week starting tonight 1.5.2021 ○ PODs are by appointment only; appointments open to all of Phase 1a ○ List of vaccine events will be on the County’s vaccine webpage, visit site for new events ○ 2nd dose appointment scheduling is also opening today 1.5.2021 • Accenture is being contracted to manage registration/appointment system • County is also working CVS/Walgreens to vaccinate LTCF in timely manner-rapid response team is coordinating with CVS/Walgreens to complete all LTCFs <p>Hospital Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCSD has capacity to large vaccination at multiple drive through sites – details are still being worked out with the County • Multiple hospitals looking to partner with the County including Rady’s, Tri-City, and Sharp, also looking to partner with a South Bay hospital <p>County updates</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County has started allocating to Pharmacies to begin vaccinating Phase 1a • Pharmacy students, nursing students, medical students, residents also being considered to support vaccine sites • Over 4,000 physicians have volunteered with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and being vetted to be deployed to vaccination sites • CDPH has a list of licensees authorized to administer vaccines in California <p>Data Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per CDPH 120,500 doses have shipped to San Diego County including facilities that the County allocates and multi-county entities (i.e. Kaiser), this does not include state LTCF program pharmacies, military and any other Federal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SDIR information is dependent on user input, providers are recommended to input doses within 24 hrs but this does not always occur <p>Advisory Group Members Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to include members information on the County vaccine webpage under County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include administered vaccination data in County dashboard, noting the caveats in data • Provide name, credentials, title, and organization by COB 1.6.2021 		
<p>IV. Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p>Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing individuals with capacity through MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrollment through MRC, verifies credentials and provides liability waiver • Schools of nursing interested in hosting PODs/events <p>Pharmacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy schools interested in volunteering for events, need to figure out logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pharmacy students need pharmacist supervision to vaccinate ○ 1:4 pharmacist to student ratio 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy technicians will also be able to vaccinate – need to complete 6 hr training and will need to be supervised by vaccinating pharmacist • Retail pharmacies are being recommended to enroll via Covidreadi/CALVAX not just through McKesson (wholesaler) • Independent pharmacies are interested in starting vaccinations earlier than anticipated <p>BHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased to be included in communications, pushed out communication on to providers on where they can sign up for vaccinations • Disagree with CDPH about not recommending resident vaccinations along with workforce • Working on operations/logistics of vaccinating clients when that become available <p>Outreach and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have good group of members, coordinating to establish meeting <p>Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the charge of subcommittee? – Presenting data that may be relevant/important to the group. • Quality assurance can be part of data as they coincide <p>Solo/Independent Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several solo practitioners have been actively looking to be vaccinated and interested in available PODs <p>Equity Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to rename subcommittee to Equitable Distribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with San Diego Bioethics commission and other ethicist contacts. • Organizing offline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs lead 		

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<p>V. Discussion: Phase 1b/1c and healthy equity</p>	<p>How is equitable distribution of vaccine going to occur?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location, distribution of vaccinator, getting to neighborhoods most important (South Bay, El Cajon, I5 corridor, National City) • Focus is on Phase 1b, prioritizing hardest hit zip codes • With so many individuals in Phase 1b, we need to fine tune matchmaker resources used in Phase 1a and determine how eligibility will be verified • PODs should be placed in areas that have been hardest hit in concurrence with testing site locations • Use established infrastructure to guide vaccination of Phase 1b <p>Logistics of vaccinating a large population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County is safety net, providing only 2% of vaccines. The County will be expanding that net as needed (~15%) but resources are limited and that reason for push to build up the vaccinator workforce • County is working on 12 PODs operating 12hrs/day 7 days/week throughout the County • Partnership with CalFire “Operation Collaboration” as vaccine coordinator of fire entities • SD Fire also vaccine provider and will be providing similar resources as CalFire <p>Low barrier accessing at County sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal information required, ID badge has been sufficient in phase 1a • Attestation of age, occupation should be sufficient <p>Will doses be limiting factor?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has advised to administer all 1st doses received and that 2nd doses will be available when needed. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support expediency and volume with doses received <p>Motion: Given the state of the pandemic and rapid spread of virus, priority is to give as many doses as possible to eligible persons within the appropriate tiers, with a priority in volume and reducing barriers to access. As well as vaccinators operating at their maximum possible capacity, and prioritizing getting dose 1 with the expectation that dose 2 will arrive in future shipments.</p> <p>Motion seconded, all present voted Yes</p> <p>Concern there is not sufficient workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a huge untapped resource of Veterinarian Technicians that are highly skilled and trained in vaccinating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group is not currently accepted by state to provide vaccines, can make recommendation to state for consideration ○ Credentialing can be achieved if state approves vet techs as vaccinators ○ Veterinarians are able to enroll through MRC and concurrently start process with state for approval as vaccinators • What is FQHC capacity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FQHCs focus on primary care and will be able to vaccinate large quantities of population ○ Short staffed due to location, population served • Need to focus on scalability of larger providers and ensure barriers are removed and vaccination sites are located where they are most needed <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is considered a community based essential worker how does it differ from other essential workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wording directly from state’s website • What is the terminology for vaccines allocated and reserved vs vaccines allocated, reserved and administered? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broken down to Received, Allocated, Shipped, Administered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide FQHC vaccine capacity estimates to Denise • Member will send email with information about definition 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should be included in dashboard 			
<p>VI. Roundtable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting should discuss: Phase 1b, become familiar with ACIP and CDPH recommendations to have informed discussion at next meeting • LTCF update: CVS is contracted with 1,200 SNFs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County is coordinating with CVS/Walgreens to complete vaccination of SNFs ○ Limiting factors have been consent forms ○ TB skin test not a contraindication to COVID-19 vaccination – information will be relayed to pharmacy partners • Documentation for registration will be limiting factor for FQHCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need additional staff that is trained in documenting registrations, entering information into SDIR • What criteria needs to be met to move to phase 1b? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There isn't clear guidance from state, need more data to make informed decision on when appropriate to move to next phase, dashboard will be useful to determine movement to different tier. <p>Motion to adjourn Motion seconded, all voted yes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group needs to make recommendation on what metrics will determine movement to other tiers 		
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.</p>			
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.</p>			