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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group
Tuesday, December 29, 2020 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Gail Knight, Ankita Kadakia, Rodney Hood, John Malone, Jeanette Aldous, Daniel Calac, Denise Foster, Denise Lozares, Nicole Esposito, Elizabeth Hernandez, Emily Do, Eric McDonald, Jen King, Karl Steinberg, Kelly Motadel, Kristi Koenig, Lizbeth Lopez, Marie Russell (on behalf of Dr. Norris), Mark Sawyer, Melissa Thun, Merlie Ramira, Nikos Gurfield, Samantha Williams, Sayone Thihalolipavan, Christian Ramers

Members Absent: Ruth Kirby, Carl Medina, Jeffrey Norris, Laura Chechel, Nick Macchione, Wilma Wooten

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I. Roll Call and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory Group called to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday December 29, 2020. Guest speaker will be from Sharp 			
II. Vote on Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the final meeting minutes for December 22, 2020. The motion to approve was seconded, all present voted yes 	Would like action items discussed when approving minutes.		

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<p>III. Review of Ground Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the raise your hand feature, moderator will call on you to speak, utilize chat pod for questions that will be addressed at the end of the meeting • Remember to be collegial when addressing other members of the group, we are here for ALL of San Diego County residents • Tri-Chairs will moderate time, and determine topics that need to be discussed further, tabled for a later date, and no longer require discussion 			
<p>IV. County/CDPH vaccine updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACIP recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase 1a Health Care Professionals, LTC facilities ○ Phase 1b Frontline workers, persons 75 years and older ○ Phase 1c Essential workers, persons 65-74, persons 16-64 with high risk medical conditions ○ Phase 2 Persons 16-64 w/o high risk medical conditions • California Advisory Committee recommendations for Phase 1b: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in selected California Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors or residence in selected settings ○ Persons 75 years and older ○ Persons 65-74 years with medical conditions or disabilities that place them at high risk of severe COVID-19 • CDPH Proposed Phase 1b tiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tier 1 – 75 year and older, Food and Agriculture, Education and Childcare, Emergency services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency services needs more definition, per ACIP includes firefighters, police officers, correctional officers ▪ Per ACIP frontline essential workers include: postal workers, manufacturer workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, teachers and support staff, childcare workers ○ Tier 2 – 65-74 with underlying medical conditions/disabilities that place them at higher risk for severe COVID/death, Incarcerated populations, Homeless/Unhoused, Transportation and Logistics, Industrial/Residential/Commercial, Critical Manufacturing • CDPH Proposed Phase 1c 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tier 1 – 65-74, 16-64 with underlying medical conditions, Water and Waste Management, Defense, Energy, Chemical and Hazardous, Communications and IT, Financial Services, Government Operations, Community Services ● County Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All hospitals have received allocated doses ○ All of tier 1 is concurrently open, tier 2 enrollment open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All groups in tier 2 asked to enroll in Covidreadi and SDIR before Jan 11th or CALVAX after Jan. 11th ▪ Allocations being made to those in tier 2 that have enrolled and have been approved ○ County is “vaccinating the vaccinators” to build up vaccinator workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Following recommendation B1: Sub prioritization by type of facility or role ○ County initiated vaccination for SNFs not signed up via pharmacy partnership ○ County is finalizing plans for regional closed vaccination PODs to vaccinate solo/independent practices and HCP who cannot obtain vaccine elsewhere ○ County is working on messaging via SDCMS, press conference, Health Partners to announce when tiers are open for enrollment and vaccination plans ● County Vaccine Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County vaccine dashboard being developed ○ County vaccine website updates proposed per CDPH on or after Jan. 4th with vaccine plans for tiers and projected timelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaccine template will be on County vaccine website ● Allocations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocated does not mean received or delivered by manufacturer, it means doses reserved. ○ Doses are not being held back, doses received weekly are allocated, usually once per week. ● Jurisdiction of Clinical Vaccine Advisory Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group advises PHO on gray areas, sub-prioritizations within tiers and if strong recommendation to re-prioritize within Tiers 			

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	<p>or across Tiers, but final decision will come from PHO and HHSA director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to provide process and justification to PHO along with data, science to back up recommendation. 			
<p>V. Subcommittees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All subcommittees work outside of group meetings and 2 subcommittee members present their work/recommendations to the group for vote ● Workforce: First meeting held 12-30 ● Pharmacy: First meeting 12-28, goal will be to engage pharmacies ● BHS: First meeting Thursday 12-31 ● Outreach and Education: no lead yet, Member would like to join subcommittee ● Data: no lead ● Solo/Independent Practice: no lead 			
<p>VI. Discussion: Continuation of health equity discussion for Tier 2 and Tier 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need equity amongst tiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An ethicist can be invited to join the committee ● Dialysis centers have not completed enrollment in Covidreadi ● SNFs started events 12.28 with CVS and Walgreens, LTCFs events being coordinated with CVS and Walgreens, LTCFs that did not register with CVS/Walgreens events being coordinated with CoSD ● Closed PODs will be open to Tier 1 independent groups. ● Dashboard will give public a visual about when they will be able to be vaccinated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should also display the allocations received ○ Currently communication directed at providers not public ● Communication needed within group to overlay allocations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bureaucracy should not hinder movement between tiers ● Still working through Tier 1 focusing on vaccinating vaccinators- shifts a lot of providers in Tier 2 to Tier 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should discussion of Tier 2 occur while Tier 1 is still being vaccinated ○ How many people are in Tier 2? <p>Enrollment</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step by step document available for enrollment within County, may need to be made public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not all providers want to be vaccinators/enroll in Covidreadi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Central database for closed PODs in the works-will be public facing for providers to enter their information ▪ County will assist with coordination for vaccine events or providers can establish partnerships with Sharp ▪ How can we facilitate providers connection with larger providers – how do we create a partnership system? ○ Enrollment process available on the county vaccine website with contact information for assistance/troubleshooting ○ Enrollment in Covidreadi not an option for providers who want to vaccinate, it is state mandated. • BHS providers need should be specifically mentioned in tier powerpoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residential BHS facilities fall under Tier 1 ○ Outpatient BHS facilities fall under Tier 2 			
<p>VII. Roundtable: Next steps, other items for discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to make recommendation about process for excess vaccines and who to contact. • Need to have back up ready in case extra vaccines become available • Vaccine distribution equity-how do we get them to the right people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow ACIP recommendations <p>Motion: In order to implement equity, establish an Equity Distribution Subcommittee with Christian Ramers as lead. Motion seconded, motion passed with all other members voting Yes</p> <p>Motion: Subprioritization of BHS facilities in Phase 1a, Tier 1 with high percentage of Medi-Cal clients Motion seconded, passed with all members voting Yes</p> <p>Motion: Create a centralized register to match providers with vaccine storage capacity with providers who do not Motion seconded, passed with all members voting Yes</p>	<p>County releasing CAHAN-to contact CoSD for equity “matchmaker” purposes</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to address vaccine hesitancy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hesitancy messaging could be addressed by Outreach and Education subcommittee ○ Hesitancy among frontline healthcare workers, hospitals and public ○ Use trusted messengers to decrease vaccine hesitancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcast when trusted persons are vaccinated to encourage others to get vaccinated. 		
<p>VIII. Sharp allocation update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp Healthcare (Imperial County) provided an update on allocation of Sharp's extra doses • Notified 300 Pfizer doses would be expiring in the next 12 hrs. at 9 AM on Tuesday 12.29.2020 • To avoid wasting vaccines, started reaching out to City of San Diego Firefighters and Police Department, was able to receive the all clear to vaccinate 300 staff on both teams before the vaccines expired. • Made executive decision to not waste vaccine and found appropriate group (high exposure, essential workers) to vaccinate. 			
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 4-5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Discussion topic: Phases 1b and 1c, equity</p>			
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.</p>			