

DRAFT Minutes
Immunize Kansas Kids
Registries Workgroup
28 March 2007

The Registries Workgroup meeting convened at 9:10 am CDT.

Mike summarized current status of WebIZ with regard to enrolment of providers and children and immunizations delivered.

Howard then explained the background and rationale for combining the KDHE WebIZ Steering Committee and the IKK Registry Workgroup. Originally, the KDHE WebIZ Steering Committee was created to provide oversight of registry development as a condition of the CDC grant; however, that requirement has since ended. The decision to merge the Steering Committee into IKK registry workgroup is largely predicated on the desire to avoid duplication of efforts. There already is some overlap in membership of two groups, although everyone has been working to support the registry. In the next week, KDHE will prepare a letter to members of both groups that will elaborate the details of how this combination of the two groups' efforts will be effected; specifically, this letter will explain the new workgroup's goals, schedules, and processes, as well as provide access to registry-related materials.

Howard went on to suggest that the primary focus of the new workgroup should be to increase provider enrolments (and, by extension, children). To this end, he suggested several areas of focus to accelerate registry adoption:

- Determining needs for linkages (what's out there we need to link to?)
- Converting "paper and pencil" systems to registry-linked (incentives for private providers?)
- Looking at atypical settings (e.g., "doc-in-the-box," Wal-Mart vaccine clinics, pharmacies)
- Cross-border issues
- Policy options (e.g., immunization requirements for daycare attendance)
- Other ideas?

After Howard's presentation, the assembled participants discussed related issues and questions. To start, Paul asked about the target audience for the Registry Workgroup's recommendations—specifically, to whom will this workgroup make recommendations and who, if anyone, is responsible to act on these recommendations? Bruce offered that this workgroup may make recommendations to KDHE and to the IKK Steering Committee (to be included in the IKK's overall report), which will be widely distributed and provided to all partners, who will be primarily responsible for acting on recommendations contained therein. Other participants agreed.

Deb informed the participants that KDHE is already working on all of the issues on Howard's list, and offered to summarize what's been done on these issues so far.

Later in the discussion, Paul asked whether, in addition to focusing on the wide-ranging, ambitious list Howard laid out, is there a need for a systematic analysis of the current status of the WebIZ—its strengths, weaknesses, problem areas, successes—to identify key opportunities for the workgroup to get involved? Bruce suggested that both approaches may be appropriate, albeit with a more narrowly focused analytic focus. Others agreed that the focus of such critical analyses should be discussed and prioritized during subsequent meetings/teleconferences.

As a result of these discussions, the topics for the next meeting/teleconference (11 April 2007 at 9:00am CDT) will be:

- Introduce new members
- Summarize WebIZ activities, specifically with regard to Howard's list
- Revisit need/desirability/form of conducting a systematic analysis
- Set timeline for workgroup activities
- Begin to discuss specific issues

The Workgroup meeting adjourned at 10:00am CDT.