

# HPV Taskforce



September 18, 2024 | 11-noon

Chair Facilitator: Leigh Sampson, ACS

Next Meeting: TBD

Note Taker: Hanna Snyder, VTAAC

**All meeting materials, minutes and recordings can be found here: [www.vtaac.org/hpv](http://www.vtaac.org/hpv).**

## Agenda Items

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| ✓ | Welcome / Introductions (Leigh Sampson)  | Attendees: Hanna Snyder, Gary Stein, Leigh Sampson, Emily Groebner, Jodi Deslauriers, Kate LaVelle, Katie Mahuron, Rebecca Hewson-Steller, Scott Langevin, Sharon Mallory, Alicia Lopez, Meghan Carey, Robin Miller, Matt Dugan   |      |
| ✓ | <p><a href="#">Vermont Cancer Plan Status Report</a> Review</p> <p>Discussion of HPV Vaccination Evidence-Based Interventions (EBIs) for Coalition Collaboration</p> <p>(Sharon Mallory)</p> | <p>Please see a copy of the presentation, and other meeting materials, on the HPV Taskforce webpage: <a href="https://vtaac.org/hpv/">https://vtaac.org/hpv/</a>.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VDH Cancer Data page: <a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/stats/surveillance-reporting-topic/cancer-data">https://www.healthvermont.gov/stats/surveillance-reporting-topic/cancer-data</a></li> <li>VT Cancer Plan Status Report 2: <a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/document/hpdp-hsi-cancerplan2025-statusreport2.pdf">https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/document/hpdp-hsi-cancerplan2025-statusreport2.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p>Data Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slide 8: Colors are messed up: Lighter green have higher than state rate vaccination rates. Darker green have lower than state rate vaccination rates.</li> <li>Slide 8: It appears that there is a general decrease in HPV vaccination in rural areas. Perhaps this is an area to focus in on.</li> <li><u>Data Requests</u>: Age 9 data?</li> </ul> <p>EBI Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data that backs the evidence-based interventions can be found: <a href="https://www.thecommunityguide.org/pages/task-force-findings-increasing-vaccination.html">https://www.thecommunityguide.org/pages/task-force-findings-increasing-vaccination.html</a>.</li> <li>How can we empower our partners to implement these EBIs that are so clinic specific?</li> <li><u>Oral health and HPV</u>:</li> </ul> |      |



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|   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Updating an HPV oral health toolkit - potential project idea.</b></li> <li>○ Robin Miller, Oral Health Program Director, does not believe that dental hygienists can give vaccinations. Robin is looking into this. Past work in this area has really focused on making sure dental offices are aware of the vaccination and reinforce the importance of it to their patients.</li> <li>○ In the past, medical/dental integration has been difficult.</li> <li>○ Haven't targeted pediatric dental practices to distribute information about toolkits or recommendation on age 9. In the past, it has just been a broad outreach.</li> <li>○ <b>802 Smiles partnership could be interesting to targeting those areas with low vaccination rates.</b></li> <li>○ IZ Program: As far as they are aware, dental practices are not currently vaccinating. They would be required to report to the state immunization registry, and none are currently reporting.</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Upcoming webinar</u>: Next Friday, Sept. 27, Dr. Lowy from NCI will be presenting "Preventing HPV-Associated Cancers by Vaccination and Screening" through the NNE-CTR Seminar Series. Zoom link: <a href="https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/98781706545">https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/98781706545</a>.</li> <li>● <u>Future taskforce plans</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Kim Daly will be giving a presentation on "Why Age 9" coming soon - date TBD.</li> <li>○ Informal learning collaborative with SVMC who is working on an HPV QI project - would it be helpful to host this and invite rural partners to be a part of this</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| ✓ | <p>HPV Taskforce Recruitment Strategy &amp; Discussion (Kate LaVelle and Emily Groebner)</p> | <p>PDA is helping VTAAC to identify gaps, challenges and strategies for recruitment.</p> <p>Used a Miro Board for engagement activity, you can find the board in on the HPV Taskforce webpage: <a href="http://www.vtaac.org/hpv">www.vtaac.org/hpv</a>.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VSSN Conference / VT School Nurses Association: schools that are interested in building in prevention strategies in their curriculum (sun safety, for instance)</li> <li>● Reaching rural areas: Alicia (Bennington): School nurses didn't have time to include HPV info into their messaging, but an in-service day with nurses was their best suggestion about when to give a presentation on the importance of HPV.</li> <li>● How do we get practitioners to get passionate about HPV vaccination?</li> </ul>   |



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|   |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on we are communicating with, we may need different playbooks - talking to elementary school kids/parents vs. middle/high school kids/parents. Tailored messaging.</li> <li>• All local health offices are doing an immunization quality improvement project (IQIP): looking at vaccine workflows at provider offices so that could be a good touch point for HPV vaccination specific info to be discussed at the provider level. ~40% of offices involved in project serve children.</li> <li>• BCBS of VT and Cigna have been a part of this group in the past but they want to be a part of something that is measurable and able to show outcomes for them. That is hard to maintain, and this group doesn't have great contacts at this point. Any ideas on how to engage them and how they can see the benefit, would be great.</li> </ul> |
| ✓ | Other / Closing (Leigh Sampson) | <p><b>Next Steps:</b> Please fill out this short survey: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/7DBYytsfyY">https://forms.office.com/r/7DBYytsfyY</a>.</p> <p>Leigh, Sharon, PDA and Hanna will compile all data from the Miro Board, this conversation and survey results to figure out next steps.</p> <p>When there is a date for Dr. Kim Daly's presentation about "Why Age 9", we will share that out. Please join and invite partners, particularly those who are in the healthcare system! The presentation will be recorded and shared broadly.</p>   |