

# Vermont Immunization Advisory Council

## February 8, 2022

### Participants:

*\*Notes member of council*

Mark Levine, MD – VDH Medical Commissioner

\*Patsy Kelso, PhD – VDH State Epidemiologist

\*Carol Hauke, RN – Rice Memorial HS, SN

\*Daniel French, Ed.D – Agency of Education, Secretary

\*Deb Doyon, RN – Waterford and Peacham School CCSU District – SN

\*Rebecca Bell MD – VT American Academy of Pediatrics, President

\*Wendy Trafton – Deputy Director Health Care Reform, AHS

\*Christine Payne, MD – Board of Medical Practice

Monica Ogelby – VT Department of Health, Immunization Program

Stephanie Winters – VT American Academy of Pediatrics

Breena Holmes, MD – VT American Academy of Pediatrics, Vice President

Karen Halverson – VT Department of Health, Immunization Program

Amanda LaScala – VT Department of Health, Immunization Program

David Englander – VT Department of Health, Legal

Ilisa Stalberg – VT Department of Health, Maternal Child Health

Molly Nicholson – VT Department of Health, Immunization Program

### 1. Organizational Elements

#### a. Title 18, 1131 // [Vermont Laws](#)

- i. Purpose: provide education, epidemiology advice to VDH on safety of immunization and immunization schedules
- ii. Membership: rep. VT Board of Medical practice, Sec. for AOE and AHS, state epidemiologist, practicing pediatrician needs to be appointed by Governor, public and independent school
  1. Need to determine if members present will fit statute
  2. Need to determine VDH IZ team members are considered official members versus advisors
- iii. Powers and Duties
  1. Review and make recommendations for state IZ schedule for school attendance
  2. Provide any advice or expertise requested by commissioner
  3. Administrative support from VDH
    - a. Maintaining meeting schedules
    - b. Take minutes

### 2. Election for Chair – facilitate group's work

- a. Daniel French will serve as chair by unanimous vote

3. Public Comment – 10 minutes allotted
  - a. William Moore - Johnson, VT: Felt the VDH staff should not serve as chair for the board as they should be in an advisory position
4. Discussion Points/General Council Comments
  - a. Uptake increasing in schools to date, as well rest of the state
  - b. Younger generation soon to be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination
  - c. Subsequent meeting to be held at date to be determined with more formal agenda

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am