

California State HAI Prevention Plan Subcommittee
Thursday, February 20, 2014
11:00am-12:00pm
TELECONFERENCE

Attendance

Members Present

Zachary Rubin, MD, Chair; Elizabeth Clark, MPH, RN; Marsha Barnden, RNC, MSN, CIC; Cheryl Richardson, RN; Suzanne Anders MHI

Absent: Amy Dubois, MSN; Matt Zahn, MD. MPH

Liaison Representatives:

Vicki Keller, RN, MSN, PHN, CIC

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Neely Kazerouni, DrPH, MPH and Lanette Corona

Agenda Item/ Discussion
Call to Order
Dr. Rubin, Chair of the subcommittee called meeting to order at 12:05 pm
Welcome and Introductions
Members introduced themselves
<u>Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act 2010</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members were reminded the importance of sending agenda items to the chair and CDPH staff, to comply with the rules for posting. Presentations to the HAI-AC must be submitted to the HAI Program at a minimum, ten days prior to the AC meeting for consideration
Summary Meeting Minutes (SMM)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The February 6, 2014 SMM was deferred until the next meeting.
Discussion on Feedback Received by HAI-AC on 2/13/2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members discussed the feedback received from the HAI-AC on February 13, 2014 regarding the Influenza Vaccine for Healthcare Workers and the HICPAC SSI Guidelines for SSI's. As voted on at the AC meeting, the wording has been changed to state "To increase Influenza vaccination rates among HCW, hospitals will require

mandatory yearly Influenza vaccination for all”.

- Due to the release date and size of information in the SSI guidelines, the HAI-AC determined that the item be deferred until members had an opportunity to review and become familiar with the new information. Since the AC meeting, it has become apparent that many professional organizations are not in agreement with the guidelines. The new guidelines are based on randomized controlled trials to provide recommendations. Many things in the new guidelines are retrogressive, meaning many of the items this subcommittee has been working on to prevent infections are being undermined by these new guidelines. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps that can be made by the subcommittee of either to defer the new guidelines until resolved on a national level or to continue to make recommendations based on existing guidelines. It was noted, the timeframe allowed to make public comments is too soon to allow for the HAI-AC committee to meet and draft a formal letter as a whole but individual letters can and should be sent by individual entities and organizations.

Action Item: Z. Rubin will draft an outline of core and supplemental strategies using existing guidelines (APIC/SHEA, etc.) and send to members before the next meeting to allow time for review, additions and edits and will bring back to the next meeting for discussion and approval.

Recommendations for Improvement in Poor Performance Hospitals

- Discussion ensued regarding the preferred metric for reporting SSIs; using rates by patient care locations or by an SIR with a risk adjusted model of a 95% confidence intervals. Issue with using an SIR is it is difficult to show a statistical difference.

Action Item: Members would like to discuss again at the next meeting to determine how CDPH identify under-performing hospitals.

Topics for Next Meeting

- Outline of Core and Supplemental Strategies Using Existing SSI Guidelines
- Recommendations for Improvement in Poor Performance Hospitals

Timeline

- Next subcommittee meeting will be held on March 06, 2014
- Subcommittee meetings are held twice a month, on the first and third Thursday of each month.