

**California Department of Public Health
Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee**

Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

11:00 – 12:00

Teleconference\Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Carole Moss (Chair), Alicia Cole, Michele Ramos, Jeff Silvers, Karen Anderson, Christel Henderson, Tricia Kassab

Standards Research Advisor(s)

Andrew Amenta, BioMedical Engineering, Council on Infection Control

California Hospital Association Representative

Members of the Public

Sue Chen

California Department of Public Health

Jorge Palacios

Agenda Item/ Discussion
Call to Order Chair, Carole Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:00.
Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair welcomed all subcommittee members and new members of the public including new subcommittee member, Sue Chen. Sue Chen has many years of experience in nursing and 25 years in infection prevention. Sue worked for eleven years at the California Department of Public Health; six of the last eleven years were within the CDPH HAI Program, serving as Nurse Consultant III. Over the last six months she was allowed to conduct a literature review of environmental cleaning, and created a 52-page document. The document's content is under review by the HAI Program.
August 15th meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Summary meeting minutes were deferred.
Review and Discuss Subcommittee Goals, Timeline, and Deadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none">All members felt that the motion presented at the HAI Advisory Committee on August 11 was well-received by the majority of Committee members. Only one Committee member felt that a standardized cleaning approach may be an issue when implemented to all hospitals. It was also noted that this Committee member has not attended many of the prior Committee meetings in person or by phone.

Discussion and Review

- Members discussed possible changes to the motion based on the suggestions received, including addressing organizational culture and national certification to EVS employees.
- Signature should be required on the checklist for every cleaned room with subsequent review by quality improvement, risk management, and/or infection preventionist.
- We are looking for outcomes. The checklist is intended to make sure that rooms are cleaned according to protocols. ATP is also very useful in this process to ensure that cleaning was done properly.
- The goal is for reduced HAIs. The issue is not whether facilities have a standardized process for cleaning. The issue is about the outcome “infections.”
- Facilities should have a checklist, validate the cleanliness, and validate the quality of the cleaning. Visual inspections should be supported with technology.
- When surveyors go to a facility, they should look at these cleaning processes. They should spend time with facilities that have a high incidence of infections. Surveyors should also review the quality of these cleaning validation processes.

Discussion and Review

- Current motion: We recommend that the State of California Department of Public Health adopt standardized cleaning and monitoring for all hospitals. All California hospitals will be required to establish a written program for environmental cleaning including a method of verification of the quality of their cleaning.
- Karen’s recommendation - We recommend that the State of California Department of Public Health require all California Healthcare facilities to establish a written program for environmental cleaning including a method of verification of the quality of their cleaning.

Action Items

- We will concentrate on Motion Two at our next meeting.
- We will have a discussion of Sue’s presentation.
- If you need to get in touch with Carole Moss, you can e-mail her at carolemoss7@icloud.com and carolemoss@msn.com.

Chair and members continue to work on checklist assignments.

Future Subcommittee Meetings (meetings will be held at 11am)

- September 19-26
- October 3 and 17
- November 7 and 21
- December 5 and 19

Future HAI –Advisory Committee Meetings

The HAI-AC meets quarterly. Future Advisory Committee meetings will be held:

- November 10 – Oakland
- February 16, 2017 - Sacramento
- May 11, 2017 - Oakland
- August 10, 2017 - Sacramento
- November 9, 2017 – Oakland

Parking Lot

- Policy - EVS Supervisors' Authority to Stop Unsafe Processes
- [CDC Safe Healthcare Blog: How Our Legionella Experiences Shaped our Prevention Approaches](https://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare/preventing-legionnaires-disease-in-healthcare-facilities-part-2-how-our-legionella-experiences-shaped-our-prevention-approaches/)
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- [Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Professional \(CHESP\)](http://www.aha.org/certifcenter/CHESP/index.shtml)
(<http://www.aha.org/certifcenter/CHESP/index.shtml>)
- [TRSA Standard for Producing Hygienically Clean Reusable textiles for Use in the Healthcare Industry](http://www.trsa.org/) (<http://www.trsa.org/>)

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.