

**Healthcare-associated Infections Advisory Committee Meeting
January 24, 2013 Sacramento, CA 10:00am-3:00pm**

Summary Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Members Present: all present or on phone

Alicia R. Cole, Amie Tishler Dubois, Brian P. Lee, Carole Lee Moss, *Catherine Liu, David Joel Witt, *Deborah Ann Weichman, Elizabeth G. Clark, Enid K. Eck, Jeffrey H. Silvers, Karen Anderson, Marsha A. Barnden, Paige A. Batson, Rae Greulich, Salah E. Fouad, Samantha Tweeten, Stanley C. Deresinski, Suzanne Anders, Zachary A. Rubin

Liaison Representatives Present

Suzanne Anders, *Michael Butera, Susan B. Chapman Gilroy, Kathy Dennis, Cheryl T. Richardson, Dawn Terashita and Matthew Zahn

Members and Liaison Representatives not present: Michael Langberg and David Perrott

Department Staff: Sue Chen, Neely Kazerouni, Lynn Janssen, Jorge Palacios, Debby Rogers, Virginia Yamashiro, Karla Van Meter, Kavita Trivedi and Jennifer Hoke

Guests Present: Digger Lauter, Jon Rosenberg, Dorel Harms, Rekha, Murthy and Reni Rodman

*Call-in from a private (nonvoting) location

Agenda Item/Discussion
<p>Call to Order and Introductions</p> <p>Acting Chair – CHCQ Deputy Director Debby Rogers opened the meeting and introduced the HAI Program Acting Chief, Virginia Yamashiro.</p> <p>Introductions were made of those present and on the teleconference lines.</p>
<p>Public Story -</p> <p>Rae Greulich shared her personal story during member’s introductions.</p> <p>Review of Rules of Order</p> <p>The acting chair highlighted and reviewed the active rules of order used by the HAI-AC, including following the queue, speaking clearly, respecting speaker opinions, muting phones if on the teleconference line, limiting comments to two minutes, and, in the interest of time, not rephrasing statements which have already been made.</p> <p>The HAI-Advisory Committee’s mission is to give recommendations to CDPH on implementing the statutory mandates.</p> <p>The public will be invited to comment after each topic discuss by members of the HAI-AC.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>As this was the first meeting of the newly appointed committee, there were no minutes for approval.</p>

HAI Program Update – Program Staff

(Note: Refer to HAI Program website <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Pages/default.aspx>)

Epidemiology Unit Activities – N Kazerouni [see handout](#)

Discussion:

- The Interactive Map (IM) was complimented. Over the past couple of years, hits on the website have increased from 16,851 in 2010 to 280,900 hits/2012.
- A comment was made on the status of the SCIP reporting.
 - There is a delay in submission of data to HSAG and its release will be posted on the [HAI Program website](#)
- When will the CDI infections and Healthcare Worker Influenza Vaccination reports be released?
 - The report should be available soon and they will be uploaded to the [HAI Program website](#). In addition, the Department will follow up on release of CDI 2011 and Healthcare Worker Influenza Vaccination 2011-2012 flu season reports and the AFL update that will require facilities to report this data to the Department through NHSN
- How will CDI data be risk-adjusted by NHSN?
 - The following factors will be controlled for: prevalence of community onset cases, whether PCR is used for laboratory testing, hospital bed size, and whether or not the facility is a teaching hospital by NHSN definition.
- Will facilities who mandated vaccination of employees be reflected in the report?
 - Information was collected via survey monkey. Aggregate data from those facilities will be presented.
- The [HAI Program website](#) was discussed.
 - The information on the site serves three different interest groups (consumers, hospitals, and third party payers).
 - Consumer members recommended that the information be made more clear and visible for the public. A. Cole distributed a survey of the Program website ([survey posted](#)) of 59 consumers completed through the Alliance for Safety Awareness for Patients (ASAP). It asked for ratings and comments/suggestions for what might make the website user-friendly, patient centered, and complete from the public viewpoint.
 - Some hospital-based members would like an ability to compare one hospital to another or use the data for research.
 - With the wide variation in NHSN data, data validation is needed.

California Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) Initiative – Dr. K. Trivedi

- Because of Senate Bill 739, California is the only state to require committees that oversee the judicious use of antibiotics; as a result, California Department of Public Health has the only statewide ASP Initiative in the nation. The Initiative assists acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and other licensed entities with education and consultation. Over 100 healthcare facilities have been assisted to build or sustain programs.
- Dr. Trivedi and Becky Siiteri RN also investigate outbreaks as needed, sometimes in conjunction with the Department of Communicable Disease Control. Over the past few years, these have included outbreaks of hepatitis B and C, bloodstream infections in hemodialysis centers, fungal endophthalmitis and meningitis due to contaminated steroids and MDROs in SNFs. We are currently assisting SNFs with outbreaks of norovirus and influenza.

Discussion:

- A member offered that ASPs should be mandated and publicly reported. Feasibility, the difficulties of collecting denominator data, and the lack of developed comparative measurement points were noted.
- Should facility outbreaks be publicly posted? This would be a disincentive for facilities to report outbreaks which would adversely affect the public health.
- The definition of an outbreak was discussed.

HAI Liaison IP Team Update – L Janssen see [handout 1](#) and [handout 2](#)

- The Liaison team was complimented for their work in hospitals assisting hospitals get up to speed with reporting requirements in a resource-challenged environment.
- The quality of educational offerings, specifically the 2-Day Mini Course, was complimented by the HAI-AC.

Other Committee Business

Nominations for a new HAI Advisory Committee Chair:

There were two candidates nominated for Committee Chair: Dr. David Witt, a disease specialist and Enid K. Eck, MPH, RN, a Regional Director of Infection Prevention and Control.

Motion: To elect a Chair of the Healthcare Associated Infections-Advisory Committee

Motion – Moss

Second – Lee

Moss nominated David J. Witt as Chair of the HAI-AC

Second: Brian P. Lee

Fouad nominated Enid K. Eck, MPH, RN as Chair of the HAI-AC

Second: Alicia Cole

The motion was passed unanimously

After discussion, the HAI-AC nominated and voted for Dr. David Joel Witt. Nomination was sent to CDPH Director for an official appointment.

Two subcommittees were created: The Antibiotic Stewardship Subcommittee under Chair Brian Lee and the Public Reporting and Education Committee Subcommittee under Chair Enid Eck were reconvened.

The HAI-AC identified the following topics for future discussion:

- Discussed rules for participation in subcommittee activities by non-HAI-AC members, including whether the participant would have a vote on the subcommittee
- Recommendation made to the CDPH to add a liaison representative from pharmacy

The following five items are directly from pages 1 and 2 of the [Committee By-Laws](#)

- By Law # 4 : Recommend a method by which the number of IPs would be assessed for each hospital
- By-Law # 5: Recommend an educational curriculum by which health facility evaluators and department consultants would be trained to evaluate infection control programs
- By Law # 6: Recommend a method for data validation
- By- Law # 7: Recommend methodology for post discharge surveillance for HAIs
- By- Law # 13: Make recommendations for implementation of public reporting of additional process and outcome measures, including current requirements and ventilator-associated events (VAE)

Other Topics for Discussion:

- What constitutes an adequate antibiotic stewardship program?
- Recommendations for infection prevention and control in outpatient settings
- Identification of best practices in infection prevention and control

Travel reimbursement procedures reviewed.

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Announcements

The next meeting will be April 18th in Oakland.

The third quarter meeting will be held August 15th in Sacramento. The fourth quarter meeting date was changed to December 12th and will be held in Oakland.

Acronyms

AAMI	Association for Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
ABS	Antibiotic Stewardship
CAUTI	Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CLABSI	Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection
CLIP	Central Line Insertion Practice
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
HAI AC	Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee
HCP	Health Care Personnel
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IP	Infection Preventionist
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network

NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
PD	Patient Days
SIR	Standard Infection Ratio
SSI	Surgical Site Infection