

Draft – MM for Infection Preventionists Assessment Subcommittee
October 2, 2013

Attendance: E Clark, S Anders, L Guardia-Labar, D Wiechman, M Barnden. CDPH staff J Palacios, S Chen

Meeting was called to order @ 1101 by Subcommittee Chair E Clark

A brief review of Bagley-Keene requirements was presented.

The first Committee charge was read: HSC 1288.5

(2) In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 1288.6, recommend a method by which the number of infection prevention professionals would be assessed in each hospital.

A tentative goal for reporting back to the HAI-Advisory Committee was set for the first meeting in 2014.

How to begin process was discussed. Points made included

- What are issues and concerns from hospital IPs who have unsuccessfully asked their leadership for more IP resources?
- Legislation and accreditation standards should be evaluated and a business case made for more IP resources
- New Jersey has IP staffing ratios
- M Barnden has attended conferences about business cases for infection control; will share an assessment tool
- L Guardia-Labar has reviewed articles from *American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC)*; will do a further review of the literature. APIC-SFBA presented a conference on the business case in 2009; materials could be available from that.
- New York has in their public reports, assessments of IP staffing since 2007 which include adjustment for other areas where IPs provide infection prevention and control coverage. One year's data will be sent out.
- There may be resources from California APIC Coordinating Council (CACC) available

Next Steps:

- Members to get more formal background on staffing issues; L Guardia-Labar to present her review of literature
- Will discuss a potential survey to measure IP staffing ratios in CA

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2013. The agenda and any other materials to be shared must be received no later than October 22 so they can be posted on the Program website 10 days prior to the meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned @ 1136.