

MM for Infection Preventionists Assessment Subcommittee

January 7, 2015

Attendance: M Barnden, K Anderson, C Quintanilla, D Wiechman
CDPH staff: S Chen

Absent: E Eck, C Richardson

Meeting was called to order @ 1105 by Subcommittee Chair M Barnden

A brief mention was made of Bagley-Keene requirements.

Motion: K Anderson to approve the December summary minutes as written. Seconded by D Wiechman. Passed without changes.

Charges to Subcommittee:

- (1) Review and evaluate federal and state legislation, regulations, and accreditation standards and communicate to the department how infection prevention and control programs will be impacted.**
- (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.**
- (8) Recommend a method by which all hospital infection prevention professionals would be trained to use the NHSN HAI surveillance system.**

After the December meeting, M. Barnden contacted the HAI-AC Chair, Dr. David Witt, and received approval for the Subcommittee to pilot the survey to a limited group – APIC SFBA Chapter and CACC members and Executive Board. The survey was presented to APIC-SFBA and nine responses received. The data was aggregated on a blank survey form. As no conclusions can be drawn from such a small sample size, K Anderson will re-send the request through SFBA channels and S Chen will send the request to the CACC President, Denise Bleak. An additional meeting will be needed to discuss further results prior to the February HAI-AC meeting. Raw data was also forwarded to S Tweeten.

There was no report on progress made for (1) above. M Barnden will follow-up.

There was no report on progress made for (8) above. While it was agreed that there were many resources available on the NHSN and CDPH HAI Program websites, NHSN is still extraordinarily difficult to achieve competence with. One member felt that NHSN could do a better job of orienting new users.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1135