

MM for Infection Preventionists Subcommittee  
March 12, 2014

Attendance: E Clark, K Anderson, M Barnden, L Guardia-LaBar, C Richardson, D Wiechman, CDPH staff J Palacios, S Chen

The meeting was called to order @ 1104 by Subcommittee Chair E Clark.

A brief review of Bagley-Keene requirements was noted.

Motion was made by C Richardson to approve February meeting summary notes as written, seconded by D Wiechman. Motion was passed.

D Wiechman presented background information about long term acute care hospitals (LTACH). This led to discussion on how to give proper credit/weighting for LTACH acuity when looking at IP staffing levels.

**Motion:** That LTACH be considered as part acute care and part medical-surgical unit. When assessing LTACH beds covered, the number of intensive care/high observation unit (HOU) beds and the number of med/surg beds will be asked. ICU/HOU beds will equal two ICU beds when calculating added bed equivalents.

Motion made by C Richardson, seconded by L LaBar.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Discussion of Survey Content and Issues

- C Richardson noted that according to literature, IPs spend ~50% of their time on surveillance and data. She presented a list of IP tasks that could be performed by non-IPs, specific job classifications being secondary to the fact that the non-IPs assisted the IP. In prior discussions, the group had decided this was important to capture. C Richardson and E Eck will re-huddle to formulate 5-6 questions that will accurately assess this resource for IPs.
- The group evaluated and modified other survey questions. Suggestions will be incorporated by L Labar.
- In cross-referencing the survey against prior meeting minutes, several questions were not addressed:
  - Should experience of IPs be measured?
  - Should number or percent of patients on enhanced precautions be measured?
  - Should the number and complexity of surgeries be measured?
  - Should information on the average daily census vs. # of admissions vs. patient days be collected?

These issues need to be evaluated for inclusion in the survey for the next meeting.

- The introduction to the survey may be too long. Members are to evaluate and edit for next meeting. Send proposed edits to L LaBar for compilation for the next meeting no later than March 21.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26 @ 1100. This extra meeting is to finalize survey questions prior to the document being sent to Drs. Pat Stone and Monika Pogorzelska of Columbia University. Agenda items must be sent to J Palacios immediately for the March 26 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1231.