

MM for Infection Preventionists Assessment Subcommittee
August 4, 2014

Attendance: K Anderson, M Barnden, E Eck, L Guardia-LaBar, S Hiyama (HSAG), C Richardson, D Wiechman; CDPH staff S Chen, J Palacios

Meeting was called to order @ 1203 by Subcommittee Chair M Barnden

A brief review of Bagley-Keene requirements was presented.

(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.

Motion was made by K Anderson, seconded by D Wiechman to approve the July 23, 2014 meeting minutes as amended; passed without opposition.

All documents to be presented at the HAI-AC on August 7 were discussed. It was noted that all suggestions made to this Subcommittee were carefully considered and actions taken or not taken based on group consensus. Thanks to Dr. Patricia Stone, Dr. Monika Pogorzelska-Mariarz, Dr. Robert Jako and Rae Greulich, for providing expertise consultation to the subcommittee.

Whether asking for the facility NHSN number was debated in terms of what analysis could be done with or without that identifier. The initial straw poll was three for inclusion of the number and four against. Part I could not be done if staffing cannot be matched to facility. If the identifier is available for Part II, answers from IPs may not be as forthright. The subcommittee will ask that if technologically possible, the two parts be separated: after Part I is completed, the IP completing the survey will be given access to Part II. Instructions should note that accuracy of entry of the NHSN number is essential. The survey needs to be piloted.

Clarification issues included

- The wording on the question measuring sustainability was changed.
- There was discussion on Q 53: 'hospital leadership' was reworded to 'hospital administration.' The question was turned around to be stated in a positive manner.

HAI-AC presentation slides were reviewed and suggestions made.

Next steps: S Chen will incorporate the most recent recommendations into the presentation and survey for Thursday's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1307.