

MM for Infection Preventionists Assessment Subcommittee
October 1, 2014

Attendance: K Anderson, M Barnden, L Guardia-LaBar, S Hiyama (HSAG), C Quintanilla (HSAG);
CDPH staff J Palacios, S Chen

Meeting was called to order @ 1100 by Subcommittee Chair M Barnden

A brief review of Bagley-Keene requirements was presented.

Motion L LaBar to approve the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes as amended passed with changes. Under Follow-up of HAI-AC meeting, "A subgroup consisting of L LaBar, E Eck, and M Barnden will connect to begin drafting a **response**.", the sentence will be clarified to read "will connect to begin drafting a "review and evaluation of regulatory and accreditation mandates that can be used to assess their "impact" on IP Programs."

Original 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.

Follow-up from Subcommittee meeting September 3, 2014

Per September recommendation, M Barnden wrote a letter to the HAI-AC Chair requesting his support to avoid delays in the piloting and dissemination of the survey tool. She will share the letter w/ Subcommittee members. The Chair was receptive to the message.

L LaBar distributed a cross walk of infection prevention regulations and recommendations. It is unclear how the communication of impact on IP programs should be formatted and substantiated. How "impact" is defined and how to "make the case" were discussed. It seems self-evident to subcommittee IPs that workload is increasing as IP resources decrease. It is hoped that results from the IP Resource Assessment Survey might provide some insight. As follow-up actions regarding the survey were unclear at the close of the meeting, members wish to re-visit plans for moving forward for clarification. Survey results will facilitate evaluation of the impact of regulations and guidelines on IP Programs.

Motion: L LaBar

Second: K Anderson

The Subcommittee requests that the HAI-AC Chair again place the IP Assessment Survey Tool on the HAI-AC agenda as Old Business and that CDPH is requested to respond with a clear action plan that includes a timeline for distribution of the pilot and final survey tool.

Next Steps:

M Barnden to request that the IP Resource Assessment Survey be placed on the November HAI-AC agenda.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014 @ 1100.

The meeting was adjourned at 1206.