

**California Department of Public Health
Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee**

Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee

Monday, May 9, 2016

9:00am-10:00am

Teleconference

Members Present

Carole Moss (Chair), Alicia Cole, Deborah Wiechman

Absent: Karen Anderson

Standards Research Advisors

Andrew Amenta, BioMedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Council on Infection Control

Members of the Public

Marsha Barnden

California Department of Public Health

Jorge Palacios

Agenda Item/ Discussion
Call to Order C. Moss called the meeting to order at 10:02am
Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the Subcommittee, C. Moss welcome all members and members of the public to the meeting of the CDPH HAI-AC -Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare Subcommittee.•
Approval of the March 15 and April 26, 2016 Summary Meeting Minutes Motion to approve both summary meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion: A. Cole• Second: C. Moss
Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair reviewed the clarity of the process of the committee and the Mission of this subcommittee. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“The Mission of the Environmental Cleaning Healthcare Subcommittee is to protect the public from Healthcare Associated Infections by establishing best practices specifically in the area of environmental cleaning in California healthcare facilities.”</p>

Discussion on CDPH Website on content:

Subcommittee members requested that the HAI Program provide an update on the following:

1. Webpage content on environmental cleaning in healthcare that CDPH were supposed to have in the CDPH website in December 2015
2. The need of a subject matter expert in environmental cleaning and Licensing and Certification Surveyor to help support the Mission and work of this subcommittee.

This subcommittee is vested in partnering with CDPH in the development of additional information that is applicable for the public, so that public can understand what environmental cleaning services are supposed to do. The subcommittee will make an effort to work with the HAI-Advisory Public Reporting and Education Subcommittee to see how together they can contribute and develop information that is written for the public to understand and act on.

During this call, Alicia Cole noticed that CDPH had created a new page for environmental cleaning <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Pages/EnvironmentalCleaning2016.aspx>. For the record, this page was done on a Sunday, May 8, 2016. Less than a day before this Subcommittee met.

The members of this subcommittee think that an ideal partnership between members on this call and CDPH would better served, if we work together and not in silos as CDPH is currently doing.

Action Items

All sub-committee members need to add missing equipment, in room, mobile devices, heart pump machines everything to the list circulating to each person on our subcommittee. The goal is that we have every known in room, item, equipment, mobile equipment everything listed.

We all need to look at this URL

(<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Pages/EnvironmentalCleaning2016.aspx>) published yesterday and find a way to support what CDPH have done and may be missing. At first glance we can see that information on linen is missing. Much of the work is catered to clinicians and nothing is set for the public.

At the next HAI-AC meeting, we will be asking CDPH to provide the a subject matter expert input. So that we stop duplicating our professional efforts. We need to be included in what CDPH is doing in relationship to Environmental Cleaning. The subcommittee is being placed in the position of reviewers instead of collaborative experts.

We need to make sure that the information provided in the new page is accurate. For example, none of the information that is being placed on the website is required by hospitals. The goal of our efforts is to make sure that these practices are requirement to all hospitals.

In order to move the work forward, the Subcommittee needs a licensing and certification surveyor's input on this calls. It is important for us to know what L&C Surveyors could do, what it can't be done and what it needs to be done. Having this information available will propel the work of this subcommittee.

Future Subcommittee Meetings

- May 24, 2016 @ 10am.

Future HAI –Advisory Committee (HAI-AC) Meetings

- The HAI-AC meets quarterly and the results of these discussions will be presented at the May 12 meeting in Oakland, CA
- Future advisory meeting will be held on:
August 11 - Sacramento
November 10 – Oakland

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.