

**HAI AWG Meeting
August 27, 2007
Sacramento, CA**

The Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee (HAI AG) mandated by SB739 met for the first time 8/27/07. Twenty-five of the appointed members attended. A list of members was distributed and will be posted on the California APIC Coordinating Council (CACC) webpage.

- Dr. Horton, the Director of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), welcomed the group and described the organization of the new CDPH: its strategic focus, efficiency & effectiveness, and partnerships.
- This group is advisory, meaning its role, as defined by SB739, is to make recommendations to CDPH. It will not be able to initiate legislation, although individual members are free to communicate with legislators.
- Kim Delahanty was elected as the Advisory Group Chairperson. Her previous leadership on the prior advisory working group was noted and appreciated.
- Decision-making process: the group will work towards consensus on issues and utilize voting only if consensus cannot be achieved. A vote of two-thirds of those present will be required to pass a motion; this also determines that a quorum is defined as the presence of two-thirds of the members. The purpose of the super-majority is to bring greater weight to the recommendations made by the committee. The decision-making process and recommendations will be kept transparent, consistent with the rules and intent of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which the Committee, which a legislatively authorized committee is required to follow.
- Membership gaps were addressed. It was noted there is a lack of pediatric infection control expertise, no representation from small free-standing (such as rural) hospital, and the need for more than one CEO/COO specialist. Interested parties were invited to submit letters of interest and resumes to the K Delahanty at kboyntondelahanty@ucsd.edu; those will be forwarded to Dr. Horton for a final decision. The need for expertise on elder infection control issues was rejected as there are significant numbers of elderly patients cared for in acute care hospitals.
- The following issues were discussed and voted on:
 1. Hold the next meeting September and then decide the frequency and location of the meetings with an option for teleconferencing- 17-Yes
 2. CEO representation-15- Yes
 3. Alternate member when elected member unable to attend is to be submitted to Kim Delahanty prior to the meeting-16- Yes. These will then be forwarded to Dr. Horton for final approval.
 4. Rural Hospital representation-16-Yes
 5. Pediatric Health system representation-17-Yes

- Chris Cahill presented the CACC Resource Survey findings.
- It appears that NHSN will be the vehicle of choice for reporting process measures as mandated by SB 739 (influenza vaccination rates, surgical prophylaxis, and CVC insertion). NHSN training modules are posted on the NHSN website; a link will be posted on the CDPH website. A potential advantage of NHSN is that the CDC is developing a rapid intervention program which will provide real time communication for use during disasters.
- To register as an NHSN hospital, approximately 16-18 hours of online education and a digital certificate are required for each person who will access the system. Data must be submitted at least every six months of every calendar year to retain active status. In an effort to facilitate registration, the CDPH, CHA, and CACC have committed to partnering to provide education at various locations statewide. Stay tuned for details.
- Recommendation made to start each meeting with a real life story from the public on someone touched by an HAI. Committee agreed to allot 5-10 minutes, with no patient, provider or health system identifiers. Carole Moss from Consumer's Union will coordinate this with the public. Guidelines are as follows:
 1. 5-10 minutes allotted for the story at the beginning of the meeting
 2. No inclusion of health care facilities names
 3. No inclusion of patient names or identification other identifiers beyond gender
 4. No inclusion of healthcare workers or provider identification
 5. No discussion on potential remedies for the situation
- The minutes from the last HAI AWG, the white paper, and IC mandates across the country will be posted on the CDPH website along with current minutes and agendas.
- Jon Rosenberg MD will contact UC Irvine hospital epidemiologist Dr. Susan Huang to request submission of her CV to serve on this committee.
- Roger Richter from California Hospital Association will send a message to the CEOs of California hospitals requesting a CEO sit on this committee and forward their applications to Dr. Horton.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 9/27/07 in Sacramento. It is possible that teleconference centers may be set-up in N. and S. California as these meetings are open to the public and subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.
- For meeting announcement, minutes and other details visit the website and choose Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee.

www.cdph.ca.gov/services/boards/pages/HAI-AC.aspx