

**Antibiotic Stewardship/Antibiotic Resistance
HAI Advisory Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
June 12, 2025
10:00 – 11:00 AM**

Voting Members Present

Ethan Smith (Chair), Carole Moss, David Ha, Phil Robinson, Francesca Torriani, Matt Zahn

Voting Members Absent

Arianna Longley, Margaret Marlett, Bridget Olson

HAI Program Staff Present

Becca Czerny, Jessica Webster, Valerie Sandles

Subject Matter Expert(s) Present

Meeting started at 10:07 AM. Voting members approved the May 8, 2025, meeting summary.

Review LA County PSIE Slides/Draft Motion for Better Interfacility Communication of Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs)

MDRO Tracking System Collaboration - The subcommittee discussed the interfacility transfer of patients with multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs). Francesca shares that San Diego Public Health is working on a complementary system and suggests accepting the motion to support the Los Angeles County initiative. Philip proposes drafting a motion recommending that CDPH work with Los Angeles, Orange County, and others to determine the scalability and interoperability of an electronic MDRO tracking system statewide. The committee agrees this approach would be more flexible and inclusive of other ongoing efforts.

MDRO Information Sharing System - The subcommittee discussed an electronic system for sharing patient information about MDROs between healthcare facilities. Francesca explains that LA County currently has a repository where facilities can look up patient MDRO information. Matt shares that Orange County is piloting a similar system with Hoag Hospital and is working on agreements with other hospitals. The system allows manual lookup of individual patients, but they are working towards automated "push" notifications. For skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), manual lookups are considered sufficient due to lower admission numbers. For hospitals, they are

developing a semi-automated system where facilities can enter a list of new admissions and receive MDRO information within minutes. The goal is full integration with electronic medical records, but this is more complex and will take longer to implement.

California MDRO Data Sharing Initiative - The discussion focuses on the development of systems for sharing patient data related to MDROs across different counties in California. Matt explains that Orange County is working with a vendor to maintain their exchange system, which could potentially be expanded to include other counties. Francesca emphasizes the importance of having a statewide system to prevent loss of information when patients move between jurisdictions. David suggests encouraging collaboration between local health departments as an intermediate step before implementing a statewide system. Matt points out that smaller jurisdictions will likely rely on the State to provide a solution due to resource constraints. The subcommittee also discusses the possibility of using existing statewide data reporting systems to facilitate data sharing between counties.

Interfacility Patient Data Sharing System - The subcommittee discusses developing an electronic system to share patient information, including MDROs and antibiograms, between healthcare facilities during transfers. Francesca emphasized the need to include both acute and non-acute care facilities in this interfacility transfer system. Carol suggests requesting state assistance to prioritize and expedite the integration process. The group also notes that Point Click Care, the EHR used by 90% of SNFs and LTACs, could be leveraged to implement this system if approached as a state initiative.

Action Items

- Ethan to draft language emphasizing the urgent need for and importance of the electronic MDRO tracking system when presenting the motion to the full HAI committee on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**.
- Valerie to add Philip to the regular HAI committee meeting invites.

Next meeting July 10, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM