

APPROVED

**Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
February 14, 2019
Sacramento, CA**

Voting Members Present

Dawn Terashita (Chair), Roy Boukidjian, Theresa Caughlin, Jackie Daley, Jeremiah Darnell, Marian Hollingsworth, Marisa Holubar, Patricia Kassab, Cristine Lacerna, Tashia Orr, Arianna Sampson, Matt Zahn

Voting Members Absent

Keith Bradkowski, Tim Clark, John Culver, Sarah Doernberg, Kim Erlich, Silvia Gnass, Erica Pan, Michele Ramos,

Liaison Members Present

CA-APICE/Mary Virgallito, CNA/Kathy Dennis

Liaison Members Absent

HSAG/Howard Pitluk, CHA/Michael Butera, CAAPA/Jeremy Elkins, CACDC/Ying-Ying Goh, CHA/Debby Rogers

Department Staff Present

Lynn Janssen, Erin Epon, Myesha Febres, Valerie Sandles, Naveen Makhdum, Vicki Keller

Guest Presenter(s)

Jay Kumar, DDS, MPH, CDPH State Dental Director, Gayle Mathe, RDH-California Dental Association Foundation

Call to order, introductions, and review meeting requirements

Chair, D. Terashita, called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Item 1. Public Story – Michael Castro

Michael Castro shared his and his father's personal experience with HAI. The Committee Chair thanked him for his contribution and for reminding the Committee and the Department of the importance of our work.

Item 2. Approve November 8, 2018 meeting summary

Meeting summary approved.

Item 3. Provide CDPH HAI Program Updates – Lynn Janssen, CDPH and Matt Zahn, Orange County Public Health

Presented preliminary findings of the Shared Healthcare Intervention to Eliminate Life-Threatening Dissemination of MDROs in Orange County (SHIELD OC), a public health intervention project involving 16 nursing homes, 17 hospitals and 3 LTAC hospitals. The project has support from CDC, CDPH and OCHCA; implemented by UC Irvine. The intent of the project was to measure the effect of by routine decolonization of the skin (and nares for MRSA) on MDRO, including MRSA, VRE, CRE, and ESBL. Preliminary results show overall MDRO reductions in participating facilities, more so in SNF and LTACs than in hospitals. The greatest

reductions were seen in CRE and the least impacted were ESBLs. More benefit to come if facilities continue decolonization.

Provided an update on the HAI Program's 2018/19 data for action plan (based on 2017 reported data):

- Onsite assessments and observations at 44 hospitals with highest SSI incidence
 - o 11 visits completed, 4 visits scheduled, 19 working on a date, 9 declined, 1 no reply. Most common gaps observed in hand hygiene, safe injection practices, traffic control in the OR, blood glucose and normothermia monitoring and control, surgeon specific feedback, lack of adherence monitoring.
- Convene 20 hospitals reporting 40% of all CLABSI to develop statewide reduction strategy for 2019
 - o Workshop held 1/31/19. Attended by 19 of 20 hospitals (31 attendees). Next steps: Iterative process to prioritize recommendations for incorporating into strategy
- Continue support to 9 hospitals that continue with multi-year high CLABSI and CDI incidence
 - o Reviewed past visits and prior recommendations and developed tailored outreach for each hospitals.
- Characterize the underlying cause of MRSA BSI for targeting prevention through chart review at 12 hospitals that reported 25% MRSA BSI
 - o Two visits completed, 5 scheduled, five more working on a date to visit.
- Track prevention strategies of 16 hospitals with high VRE BSI
 - o Sending information request to hospitals; responses due 5/31/19. Follow-up plans to be developed based on actions and 2018 rates.

Sought Committee support for updates to the 2018 HAI in California hospitals public report. Using a more professional format with a table of contents, acknowledgement of Committee members, improved graphics, and a new database management process. Established a timeline to publish as early as August 2019.

Unfinished Business

Item 4. Exploring what leadership support for hospital infection prevention looks like

Continuation from the November 2018 meeting. Question regarding how hospital CEOs are notified of annual report. The HAI Program CDPH briefs CHA in the days prior to publication for inclusion of key finding in weekly newsletter. Question about involvement of hospital boards in infection prevention. Comment that not always easy conversation with hospital boards due to difficulty understanding that progress improvements take time. Valuable to have hospital board members involved. Suggestion made to train hospital IPs to effectively talk with CEOs and boards. Suggestion that CHA and CDPH develop joint memo for CEOs. Plan for CDPH and Chair to meet with current CHA Liaison member, Debby Roger, prior to her retirement at end of March and discuss concept, assess interest, and identify how best to communicate with CEOs. Summary of discussion to be presented at next Committee meeting.

Item 5. HAI AC Liaison members updates

A sample suggested format for Liaison members to share their organizations' HAI/AR prevention activities was reviewed (developed several years ago.) The "Liaison Member Report Form" was discussed and suggestions made to make the form succinct and easy to report. HAI Program executive administrator for the Committee, Valerie Sandles, to make suggested edits and bring back to the Committee at next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Item 6. Antimicrobial Resistance/Stewardship Subcommittee – Marisa Holubar, Chair

Discussed two tracker tools to 1) assess a hospital's ASP influence in clinical practice of providers, and 2) audit facility stewardship programs based on medical content, decision-making, best practices and specific antibiotics. Discussed questions with CDPH that need to be edited and for inclusion in report.

Item 7. Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare Subcommittee – Jeremiah Darnell, Chair

Discussion tabled until next meeting due to limited time.

Item 8. Public Reporting and Education Subcommittee – Patricia Kassab, Chair

Discussion tabled until next meeting due to limited time.

New Business

Item 9. Considerations of antimicrobial stewardship in dentistry: Overviews of the CDPH State Oral Health Program, Jay Kumar, Director California Dental Association Foundation, Gayle Mathe

Each presenter provided overview of their organizations, backgrounds, and current projects. Dr. Kumar talked about his experience in infection control practice, antibiotic stewardship, Described collaboration with California Dental Association that resulted in ASP articles published in the CA Dental journal in collaboration with HAI Program, Drs. Erin Epsom and Jane Siegel.

Described California Oral Health Plan, released in 2018, which addresses oral health issues in children. To reduce antibiotic prescribing, need to reduce the oral diseases. Especially focused on children for which very good evidence that intervention can make a huge impact. The plan's goals include improve dental habits, promote brushing, counter sugar and sweet beverages, address tobacco use, and promote healthy eating to build healthy communities

Question and discussion regarding the promotion of fluoride treatments, educational needs or assessment of antibiotic utilization, and assessing tobacco cessation counselling in dental offices. Suggestion to CDA for advocacy with commercial insurance payers. CDA behind a set of serial bills to try improve transparency of dental plans. While medical plans do not allow junk plans, dental plans have fewer requirements.

Questions and discussion about level of awareness of ASP among California frontline dental providers, oral health guidelines during pregnancy. Dr. Kumar worked with his colleague and developed a nationally adopted guideline, which California, infection surveillance, and health literacy. Discussion about guest speakers for CDA conferences and training programs. Committee members can suggest topics, and speakers. Next CDA conference in Anaheim, May 2019. American Dental Association annual meeting in fall 2019.

Item 10. HAI AC input into Title 22 infection control.

Chelsea Driscoll, responsible for CHCQ policy and regulations, attended. Committee reviewed prior activities (2011-2015) related to Title 22 infection control regulations, IP staffing, and HAI prevention recommendations. Agreed need to update Title 22 to bring the state regulations up to current standards of practice. CA-APIC sent replies and comments on CHCQ open discussion questions for regulation revisions. Some organizations are against staffing regulations.

To provide timely Committee recommendations to CDPH on recent questions posed for 1/22/19 Stakeholders Meeting. Committee decided to break up discussion into groups of two people for each question topic. Each group to meet before February 25th to discuss and create recommendations for the Committee. At HAI Advisory Committee public meeting on 2/26/19, Committee will discuss vote on recommendations or suggest modifications. Follow-up Committee meeting 3/5/19 for final review and approval of as formal recommendations to CDPH.

Assignments: Question 1-2, Mary Virgilito and Christine Lacerna; 3-5, Teresa Caughlin and Roy Boukidjian, and 6-7, Jackie Daley

Item 11. Public comments on matters not on the agenda

None.

Item 12. Review action items and propose agenda topics for future meetings

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM