

APPROVED

Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
March 25, 2021
Video Conference

Voting Members Present

Marian Hollingsworth, Arianna Campbell, Geanny Ryan, David Ha, Keith Bradkowski, Amber Theel, Silvia Gnass, Patricia Sung, Anjali Bisht, Cristine Lacerna, Theresa Caughlin, Zachary Rubin, Marisa Holubar (Chair), Sarah Doernberg,

Voting Members Absent

Tashia Orr, Robert Bernstein

Liaison Members Present

Jeffery Silvers-IDAC, Kiyomi Burchill-CHA, Michael Butera-CMA

Liaison Members Absent

Howard Pitluck-QIN/HSAG, Louise McNitt-CPICD, Kathy Dennis-CNA

Department Staff Present

Erin Epon, Chief HAI Program, Lynn Janssen, Lanette Corona, Valerie Sandles, Hosniyeh Bagheri, Mitra Baradar, Joseph Engeda, Lisa Franqui, Vikram Haridas, Diana Holden, Neely Kazerouni, Vicki Keller, Janice Kim, Jane Kriengkauykiat, Linda Lefrank, Naveen Makhdum, Brie Martin, Tisha Mitsunaga, Andrea Parriott, Jon Rosenberg, Neha Sardana, Jane Siegel, Patrick Stendel, Kristy Trausch, Margaret Turner

Call to order, introductions, and review meeting requirements

Chair, Marisa Holubar, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Item 1. Approve the December 3, 2020 meeting summary

Meeting summary approved with noted edits.

Item 2. CDPH HAI Program updates – Erin Epon

HAI Program Roles in the COVID-19 Response – updates

- Infection prevention subject matter expertise for CDPH and local public health – guidance review and development
- Prevention outreach – weekly calls/webinars
 - To be continued post-COVID
- Outbreak investigation and response
 - During February 1–December 31, 2020: 623 IP visits for 489 COVID-19 outbreaks at 465 distinct facilities across 46 LHDs; 71 facilities received ≥ 2 visits.
 - Pandemic and surge-related outbreaks of other pathogens and HAI
- Infection prevention capacity building – CDPH, local public health, and facilities

- Basics of Infection Prevention, SNF track, online modular format (launched February 2021)
- Basics of Infection Prevention, local public health track (anticipated Spring 2021)
- Project Firstline IPC training for frontline HCP in SNF (launched March 2021)
- Project Firstline – IPC training for frontline HCP in SNF
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Infection Control Works! Is a Team Effort! Matters!

#protectdontinfect

#stopinfectiontogether

#wearefirstline

- What have we learned, and how are we sharing and leveraging the information to inform prevention?
 - *Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America – April 2021*
 - Parriott et al. Comparing Hospital Healthcare-Associated Infection Incidence During Pre-COVID-19 Pandemic and Pandemic Eras
 - Kriengkauykiat et al. Antimicrobial Stewardship in Acute Care Hospitals: A Report of the California Healthcare-Associated Infections Honor Roll Program
 - Engeda et al. Associations between patient neighborhood characteristics and inappropriate antimicrobial use
 - Stendel et al. Characteristics of On-Site Infection Prevention and Control Visits for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response—California, February 2020–December 2020
 - Holden et al. Multi-facility Outbreak of NDM/OXA-23-producing *Acinetobacter baumannii* in California, 2020-2021
 - *Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists – June 2021*
 - Parriott et al. Use of classification tree methodology to predict large COVID-19 outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities in California
 - Haridass et al. Evaluation of California’s Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Surveillance System for Long-Term Care Facilities
 - Engeda et al. Associations between racial/ethnic composition, neighborhood-level socioeconomic status and novel coronavirus cases in California’s skilled nursing facilities — May 25–August 16, 2020
 - Magro et al. Pathogen Distribution and Antimicrobial Resistance Patterns for Healthcare-Associated Infections in Pediatric Patients in California, National Healthcare Safety Network Surveillance Data, 2014-2019
- *Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll*
 - Criteria for Designation, two-year period prior deadline
 - CDC Core Elements-Part II
 - Complete at least 1 item from each CCD’s 7 Core Elements

- Complete all (9) HAI Program prioritized items from CDC's 7 Core Elements
- Outcomes and Engagement
 - Demonstrate outcome of interventions/project – Part III
 - Demonstrate engagement with Community Partners – Part IV
- Second Enrollment Period
 - Announcement-January 21, 2021
 - Deadline-March 1, 2021
 - 42 Completed Applications
- Preliminary Designations based on responses only
 - Gold 35%; Bronze 33%; Silver 32%
 - Application review timeline:
 - Phase 1: week 1-4 post deadline; review for missing documents; contact facilities regarding missing documents; give time for facilities to submit missing documents
 - Phase 2-week 4-8 post deadline; preliminary designation; invite external blinded expert reviewers for outcome (Part III) portion of applications
 - Phase 3 – week 8-12 post deadline; final designations; facility notifications.

Item 3. HAI/AR Plan Update and Discussion

Reviewed the subcommittee's goals: Review the California State HAI Plan and provide recommendations and motions to the HAI advisory committee by July 2021; and objectives: Develop a process for the subcommittee to review the California State HAI Plan; Identify a framework to use for reviewing sections of plan; Generate and organize recommendations and/or motions for submission to the HAI Advisory Committee.

CDPH Requests: Evaluate the overall format and structure of the plan; Generate measurable and time-bound goals; Incorporate antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic stewardship goals; Consider non-acute care, non-healthcare settings; Consider the skills/knowledge set required to maintain program.

Reviewed each section for recommended additions and/or deletions.

Key Recommendations

- Based on key strategies identified in the plan so far
 - Overall infrastructure
 - Inclusion of ASP goals
 - Non-acute, non-healthcare care settings
 - **Periodic review by HAI Advisory Committee for feedback and awareness of emerging issues**
 - Capacity-building support:
 - Outbreak management

- Surveillance
- Training and Education
- Communication
 - Collaborative groups
 - Annual report
 - Periodic needs-assessment/gap analysis

Item 4. Review action items and propose agenda topics for future meetings

Items and subject suggestions for future meetings can be emailed to Valerie.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.