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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SEEKS
APPLICATIONS FOR THE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The California Department of Public Health and the Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Program are seeking applications for membership in the Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee (Committee). This is an opportunity for individuals with a variety of expertise and experience to participate in an active process to prevent healthcare associated infections and improve the quality of healthcare for all in California. As the HAI Program moves into the third year of reporting using Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network for the mandatory reporting of healthcare associated infections by California hospitals, there will be increasing opportunities for the HAI Program to utilize this information to encourage and assist hospitals with the use of this data in enhancing prevention programs. The Committee will be instrumental in guiding this shift in focus. We encourage you to explore the HAI Program website (www.cdph.ca.gov/hai) if you have not already done so, to gain better appreciation of the scope of the HAI Program's activities.

The Committee is being reconstituted according to newly adopted bylaws that can be found, along with applications and information about the Committee on the Committee Recruitment web page: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Pages/HAIACRecruitment.aspx>. The Committee will include representation from the following discrete categories as delineated in Health and Safety Code Section 1288.5(b):

1. Local health department officials:

Local department of public health professionals including but not limited to health officers, communicable disease prevention professionals, public health nurses, and epidemiologists.

2. Healthcare infection control professionals:

Infection Preventionists (infection control practitioners), including but not limited to nurses, epidemiologists, and microbiologists, currently or in the past working in the field of infection surveillance, prevention, and control.

3. Physicians:

Physicians with expertise in infectious disease and hospital epidemiology.

4. Healthcare providers:

Individuals who provide direct care to hospitalized patients, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, infectious disease pharmacists, therapists.

5. Hospital administration professionals:

Managers of hospitals, hospital departments, or hospital systems, including but not limited to chief executive officers, chief financial officers, chief operating officers, chief medical officer, and chief nursing officer.

6. Integrated healthcare systems experts or representatives:

Individuals with expertise in or representatives of an integrated healthcare system that delivers, manages, and organizes comprehensive healthcare services as a means of improving access, quality, user satisfaction, and efficiency.

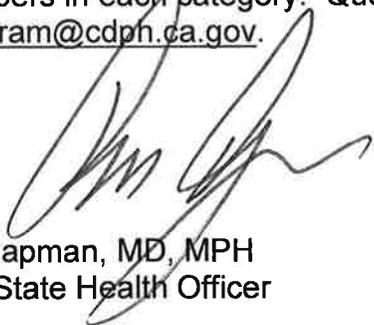
7. Health care consumers:

Individual consumers who are not affiliated with any health care provider nor regulatory entity.

Meetings are held at least quarterly, alternating between Northern and Southern California sites. Members are reimbursed for their travel expenses.

The application form directs applicants to select the appropriate category for potential membership. Applications are directed to Dr. Ron Chapman, MD, MPH, California Department of Public Health Director and State Health Officer, who will select up to three members in each category. Questions about the application process can be sent to HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ron Chapman, MD, MPH
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Enclosure