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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SEEKS APPLICATIONS
FOR THE HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS 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 CDPH HAI Program moves into the fifth year using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) 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 healthcare facilities to use data for targeting and enhancing prevention activities. With your support the Committee will be instrumental in guiding public health infection prevention efforts. 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 bylaws and application information can be found on the Committee Recruitment [web page:](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Pages/HAIACRecruitment.aspx)
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The Committee includes representation from discrete categories as delineated in Health and Safety Code Section 1288.5(b). The number of vacancies to be filled for each category in 2016 are indicated in parentheses.

- Local health department officials (1):
Local department of public health professionals including but not limited to health officers, communicable disease prevention professionals, public health nurses, and epidemiologists.
- Healthcare infection control professionals (1):
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.

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- Physicians (1):
Physicians with expertise in infectious disease and hospital epidemiology
- Healthcare providers (1):
Individuals who provide direct care to hospitalized patients, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, infectious disease pharmacists, therapists.
- Hospital administration professionals (2):
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
- Integrated healthcare systems experts or representatives (1):
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.
- Health care consumers (1):
Individual consumers who are not affiliated with any health care provider nor regulatory entity.

Meetings are held quarterly in State Buildings, alternating between Sacramento and Alameda Counties. Members are reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with [Health & Safety Code 1288.5 \(c\)](#).

Applications are directed to Dr. Karen Smith, MD, MPH, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer, who will select up to three members in each category. Questions about the application process can be sent to directly to Jorge.Palacios@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure