

MM for Infection Preventionists Assessment Subcommittee  
July 2, 2014

Attendance: K Anderson, M Barnden, E Eck, L Guardia-LaBar, S Hiyama (HSAG), C Quintanilla (HSAG), D Wiechman; CDPH staff J Palacios, S Chen

J Palacios announced that Marsha Barnden accepted the role of the Subcommittee Chair.

Meeting was called to order @ 1102 by Subcommittee Chair M Barnden

A brief review of Bagley-Keene requirements was presented.

**Motion** was made by L Guardia-LaBar, seconded by K Anderson to approve the June 4, 2014 meeting minutes as written; passed without opposition.

The goal of the meeting was to review feedback from the HAI-AC and work to enhance the survey. The Subcommittee charge for this survey was reviewed:

**(2) In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 1288.6, recommend a method by which the number of infection prevention professionals would be assessed in each hospital.**

1. Issue – whether IPs feel appropriately supported and adequately resourced by their administration. Options discussed included using a Likert scale, open-ended questions, and after survey follow-up. It was decided to insert a question “Do you meet with senior administration on an annual basis to assess and determine need for added IP resources?” with the frequency as this is a mandate.
2. Should monitoring of CDI be made a separate breakout? Group consensus was ‘no’ as it adds only hand hygiene w/ soap and water and cleaning w/ bleach.
3. Issue – definition of daily/weekly. Daily can be redefined as “IP performs task each day he/she works.” Questions will apply to the past 12 months.
4. Analysis Plan – need to keep going back to what is goal of tool, what questions are we asking, and will this tool answer those questions. Survey experts will be asked to provide recommendations on this and format.
5. Survey Expert – Bob Jako from Kaiser Division of Research was recommended by D Witt. Perhaps he could join on a Subcommittee call w/ members. A meeting has been set up w/ Drs. P Stone and M Pogorzelska, M Barnden, and CDPH. Second, the Subcommittee does not wish the consultative approach to appear subjective. All reviewers will be asked for their CV. It was also suggested that consumer input should be sought and can be expedited by outreach to the Public Reporting and Education Subcommittee public members and other experts group members may be aware of. A goal is to forward the survey to experts ASAP.
6. The question “When my day gets ‘rearranged’ due to other urgent or conflicting priorities, which of my or my department’s routine duties get postponed or eliminated? ” is felt of value and will be added to the survey. The group brainstormed what such tasks might be:

other required reporting (such as CMR), routine consultations, surveillance rounds and reporting, and other duties such as Employee Health, participation in meetings, staff education.

7. Does the subcommittee need permission to assess the survey tool in one of their own hospitals? No.
8. National APIC will be formulating a survey for IPs with a target release date of fall 2014. Would subcommittee members wish to explore a collaboration w/ APIC? Pros are that collaboration might strengthen the credibility of the CA survey and National has the resources for formatting and data analysis. Cons are that National by-laws and time frames may be too constrictive and that CA IPs have some unique needs. Several members do not wish to slow current momentum.
9. There was discussion on whether information gathered by this tool will assist hospital IPs. While the tool itself may not assist, information gathered may be useful for future recommendations – the tool is a means to an end.

Next steps:

1. E Eck to email B Jako to both send his CV and let him know that the subcommittee will appreciate his services soon. J Palacios will coordinate outreach.
2. L LaBar will review
3. A meeting has been set up w/ Drs. Stone and Pogorzelska for July 10 @ 3pm.
4. Goal is to get the next 'final draft' completed by the Aug 7 HAI-AC meeting.
5. Market test the survey in August. Hopefully implement the survey shortly thereafter.
6. An extra meeting may be needed to review recommendations; M Barnden will have J Palacios contact members if needed. Current thoughts point to a meeting July 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 1214.