

Guidelines for Subcommittee Meetings

According to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act 2004, all meetings of the Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (HAI-AC), when attended by a majority of members, shall be open and public when subject matter is within the jurisdiction of committee. The word "majority" is used in Section 11122.5. (a) "meeting" includes any congregation of a majority of the members of a state body at the same time and place, ..."

Meetings also include situations where information is received or an issue studied prior to its placement on the body's agenda. In the interpretation of the Act by the California Attorney General's Office, study sessions are allowed. Under such circumstances, "However, if a quorum is involved, the study session should be treated as a meeting under the Act." A quorum was defined by the HAI-AC at the August 27, 2007 meeting to be two-thirds of the committee membership.

So long as HAI-AC subcommittees maintain membership of fewer than 20 committee members, they are considered as an opportunity for exchange of information and study of issues prior to presentation to the full committee. As such, subcommittees are not subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirement to be open and public.

Subcommittee Rules:

1. Subcommittee meetings will not be open to the public.
2. Guests invited to consult with the subcommittee will be cleared in advance through the subcommittee chair.
3. If an unauthorized person is found to be on the call, they will be asked, at the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair, to remove themselves from the call.
4. If the unauthorized person(s) do not follow a request to reclude themselves, the meeting may be immediately adjourned by the Chair.