

Public Reporting Subcommittee – August 12, 2010, 7:00am – 7:35am

Attendees: Chair Carole Moss, Sue Chen, Kim Delahanty, Annemarie Flood, Tom Jackson, Cheryl Kalson, Mary Mendelsohn, Roberta Mikles, Daniela Nunez, Shannon Oriola, Jon Rosenberg

Absent: Ray Chinn, Alicia Cole, Enid Eck, Frank Myers, Jonathan Teague, Dawn Terashita, Francesca Torriani

Handouts: Meeting Minutes from 8/5/10

Summary:

- Continued discussion of 2010 changes to the Bagley-Keene (B-K) Open Meeting Act. Subcommittees of two or more persons (including break-out or “mini” groups) must abide by the same mandates as the full Committee, that is, all activities, meeting dates, and teleconference access numbers must be posted for public viewing; voting must be done by roll call. There is no requirement for meeting minutes unless the meeting is closed. CDPH will continue to provide for posting summary minutes for major subcommittee meetings.
- Continued discussion concerning how to best direct the public to the HAI Program website; per Jon, we will not be able to access the CDPH RSS newsfeed at this time as the Office of Public Affairs has a predetermined criteria for what is posted. The B-K Act requires a mechanism whereby the public can sign up for regular alerts. A suggestion was made to post a colorful logo on the CDPH Internet home page that links to the HAI website. Jon stressed that the HAI Program has little control over what goes on the CDPH home page but that the Program will follow-up.
- Discussion regarding clarifying Program staff and Subcommittee member roles ensued. The purpose of the HAI Advisory Committee and Subcommittees is to advise CDPH on matters related to public reporting of HAI’s. Final decisions rest with CDPH, specifically, Mark Horton and Kathleen Billingsley. The question was raised as to whether a separate meeting should be called to discuss the issue or if this should be a full Committee discussion. Kim outlined the role of the Committee as an advisory body tasked with ensuring that the Department meets the mandates for public reporting at the May HAI-AC.
- There was discussion as to when the 2008-09 Influenza data would be released for subcommittee viewing. Several Subcommittee members want to hold off on the education component until the data is posted to the site. Program staff does not know when they will be allowed to release the report. Since reporting results will not affect some of the consumer education; moving forward on consumer education choices will be a priority.
- 2008-2009 influenza vaccination rates will be released as an aggregate number. Hospitals that provided data will be listed as will those that did not. Eventually, all hospitals will be rated. It generally takes several years before the quality of publicly reported data improves. The 2009-10 vaccination season was an aberration due to H1N1 and a vaccine shortage of seasonal vaccine. Additionally there was still confusion over reporting definitions. Data from 2010-11, the form which is currently in pilot testing, will have more integrity.

Action Items:

- Sue requested that Subcommittee members email Cheryl, with cc to Sue, all pertinent items for website posting two business days before the posting deadline to comply with B-K Open Meeting Act.
- Updated Subcommittee Guidelines will be presented to the full committee.
- Cheryl will discuss with Barbara Formby best methods for ensuring ease of public access and whether there is another way to provide the public with regular alerts.
- Shannon will update Frank regarding the decision to present consumer education recommendations to the full Committee at the August 30th meeting. There will be follow-up with Alicia to confirm that her information is ready to share and voted on. All consumer education information will be presented to the Subcommittee for voting by August 19th.