

## Questions for GACH Stakeholder Meeting

### DPH-16-006: Administration

#### Administration

1. Which types of events that do not rise to the level of an adverse event as described in Health and Safety Code 1279.1, should be reported as unusual occurrences or events?
2. The current regulations require that the medical staff be composed of physicians, and where dental or podiatric services are provided, dentists or podiatrists. Should the medical staff also include non-physician practitioners? If so, which practitioners should be included?
3. Are there any issues not adequately addressed in the current administrative regulations (sections §70701-§70706.2, §70729, §70731, §70754, §70757-70765)? If so, please describe the administrative issue(s) requiring clarification.

#### Employee/Personnel Policies

4. The Department is considering updates to reflect changes in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended tuberculosis testing policies for hospital staff. What issues should the Department be aware of in updating this topic?
5. What type of training do staff receive upon hire and on a continuing basis? How is the education and training managed and documented?
6. Are there any issues not adequately addressed in the current regulations for employee/personnel policies (sections §70719-§70727)? If so, please describe the issue(s) requiring clarification.

#### Medical Records

7. Stakeholders previously recommended that the Department adopt regulatory language pertaining to hospital use of electronic health records. In addition to aligning this language with federal requirements, what other safety measures should the Department consider when hospitals use electronic health records? Please be specific.
8. Does the Medical Records service have unique equipment and/or technology requirements for electronic health records that would be useful to include in the regulatory revisions?

9. In the event of a disaster or loss of the electronic health record system, what protocols do facilities follow to ensure continued patient documentation and access to patient records?
10. How do patients request or obtain access to their medical records? If your hospital uses electronic health records, are staff available to assist patients with the request?

#### Medical Service

11. What issues should the Department be aware of when amending the existing Medical Service regulations (§70201-§70209)?
12. In the past, stakeholders recommended that hospitals identify national or professional standards on which to base their Medical Service policies and procedures. Which national or professional standards should the Medical Service base its policies and procedures? Why?
13. The Department is considering adopting requirements related to telehealth. What issues or concerns should be addressed related to telehealth regulations?

#### Records and Reporting

14. What standard(s) should the Department consider when drafting the infant security regulations? Why?
15. The Department is aligning its regulations with the Code of Federal Regulations part 482.15 and adopting an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness. With this in mind, is there a need to have separate internal disaster regulations to address issues such as active shooters or other life-threatening behaviors?
16. What issues or concerns should the Department be aware of when amending existing regulations on Records and Reporting (sections §70733-70746)?

#### License, Supplemental Service Approval, and Special Permit

17. Are there reasonable alternatives to the current GACH bonding regulations? If yes, please explain in detail.
18. The Department is currently looking at common program flexes that indicate the need to update regulations. For example, 1) additional use of the cardiac cath lab space, 2) tissues exempt from pathology, 3) space use, 4) adolescents in pediatric service beds. Please provide other important program flex areas that you think would be better addressed in a regulation.

19. The Department is considering consolidating the License, Supplemental Service Approval, and Special Permit regulations to eliminate duplication. Are there any requirements in these regulations that need clarification or would be problematic if consolidated?