

Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee
January 17, 2012
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Members in attendance:

Shoana Anderson	Laura Erhart	Kris Korte	Tammy Sylvester
Sylvia Balistreri	Greg Garcia	Donald Lauer	Tanie Sherman
Joe Bestic	Patty Gray	Orion McCotter	Donna Wolk
Charlie Chapin	Clare Kioski	Jessica Rigler	Lisa Woodson
Cara Christ	Ron Klein	Darlene Rogers	Mary Ann Yahl
Debbie Dutton	Ken Komatsu	Mike Saubolle	

Visitors in attendance:

Jason Lempp
Dan Lieberman
Rosa Lira
Wendy Snyder
LeAnn Swanson

1. Call to Order--Welcome and Introductions

The Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18th Avenue, 415B Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, on January 17, 2012. A quorum being present, Jessica Rigler, ADHS, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Jessica welcomed everyone and apologized for not having a meeting since August, and looks forward to the Advisory Committee to have a good series of meetings and to set some strategic priorities for 2012. With that, Jessica asked the committee members attending in person or by teleconference to introduce themselves to the group. Jessica started the introductions and added that she is filling in for the HAI Program Coordinator that is currently vacant.

2. Review and Approval of August 25, 2011 Minutes

The Advisory Committee moved on to the review and approval of the August 25, 2011, minutes. After the Committee took a few minutes to review the minutes, Clare Kioski motioned to approve the minutes, and Kris Korte and Mike Saubolle seconded the motion.

3. ADHS Updates

a. National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates

Jessica announced to the Committee that the annual Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) Report for 2010 central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) ratios will be released in February. An advanced copy was released to each state to review. ADHS is in the process of reviewing the report.

Jessica also mentioned the ADHS is moving forward with the data user agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that will give Arizona access to the CLABSI data reported to NHSN from our healthcare facilities.

b. Funding Updates

Jessica announced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that has been funding the HAI Program and supporting the HAI Program Coordinator expired in December 2011, and ADHS applied and was awarded funding through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to continue the program until July 2012. States will have an opportunity to reapply for continuing ACA funding.

Jessica introduced Jason Lempp, a guest at the meeting, assigned to ADHS for two years as the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE) representative to work on healthcare associated infections. Jason was given the opportunity to talk about the HAI projects he is currently working on, projects to do with Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae infections and state anti-biogram.

4. Members Updates

a. On the CUSP: Stop BSI – LeAnn Swanson

LeAnn Swanson from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association updated the Committee on the On the CUSP: Stop BSI collaborative. LeAnn gave details of the On the CUSP: Stop BSI Mid-Course Meeting in February 2012 that will provide an opportunity for state hospital teams to discuss their successes and challenges with implementing CUSP and eliminating CLABSI within their hospital units. Details are on the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AZHHA) website: (http://www.azhha.org/about_azhha/calendar.aspx).

LeAnn added that she has received word that the National CUSP program is developing a test tool kit and are looking for people to review and provide feedback on the tool kit before it is finalized. The module has gone out this morning to the On the CUSP team and they are encouraged to take a look at it before it goes out national.

The hospital teams are continuing the series of monthly coaching calls, monthly content and supplemental calls. Position leaders and senior leaders who haven't bought into the CUSP program are encouraged to participate in these calls. Hospitals have begun to submit monthly CLABSI and monthly checkup tool data.

b. Other Topics

LeAnn Swanson introduced the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN). A national contract awarded to hospitals and hospital associations to implement improvement strategies to reduce hospital acquired conditions (HACs) by 40 percent and hospital readmissions by 20 percent by the end of 2013. LeAnn, Tanie Sherman, and Charlie Chapin provided details regarding the activities and goals of the program.

Dr. Dan Lieberman a member of the public attending the meeting representing the Maricopa County Medical Society (MCMS) took an opportunity to express their interest in the Committee's accomplishments and presented some of the issues they have with what the Committee has done so far, and what they would like to see. Dr. Lieberman gave some background information on MCMS, and stressed some of the needs they have to better address individual patient safety and to provide additional tools to assist

physicians in helping their patients make the best choices for healthcare. Dr. Lieberman requested members of the Committee to contact him with any ideas they may have.

5. State HAI Coordinator Discussion

Jessica Rigler provided a status update on filling the vacant HAI Program Coordinator position. They have been interviewing applicants and are still looking for someone. Jessica asked for the Committee's input on what qualifications should be prioritized when looking at the next set of applicants to interview in the next couple of weeks. The committee agreed that the HAI Coordinator should be someone who can be a champion that will pull people together and push forward HAI prevention initiatives.

6. Discussion and approval of Subcommittee Products

Jessica asked each of the subcommittees to briefly discuss where they left off within their subcommittee meetings and what their next steps are.

a. Public Education

The Public Education subcommittee provided the following updates:

- Michelle Humphreys is no longer with the subcommittee.
- Working on a Norovirus pamphlet and fact sheet.
- Discussing HAI prevention measures and training for critical access hospitals.

b. Antimicrobial Stewardship

Jessica provided the following updates for the Antimicrobial Stewardship subcommittee:

- Looking at business cases for facilities to implement stewardship programs.

c. Surveillance

The Surveillance subcommittee provided the following updates:

- Implementing another survey.
- Planning to talk about what data reports they would like to generate.
- Setting some strategic goals.
- Finishing the cost analysis presentation.

d. Prevention Strategies

Jessica provided the following updates for the Prevention Strategies subcommittee:

- Piloting test the C. diff Tool Kit
- Planning to move on to look at another disease area to build a tool kit for.

e. Long Term Care Work Group

The Subcommittee provided the following Long Term Care Work Group:

- Setting some objectives regarding vaccination rates, improving staff education, etc.
- Looking at developing a "transfer tool" to use to improve communication.
- Discussing ways to provide training and education to nursing homes.

7. 2012 Strategy Session – Priorities for the Year

- Oversight of the subcommittees and approval of work products.
- Outreach expansion to other types of healthcare providers and increase communication and information sharing to increase representativeness.
- Outreach to include members of the public and patients around the table with the HAI Advisory Committee.

- Develop some kind of tool or education to help clinicians with healthcare associated infections that is based on a needs assessment.

Jessica reviewed the priorities with the Committee and asked for a vote from the members. Tanie Sherman motioned to approve the 2012 Advisory Committee priorities, and Shoana Anderson seconded the motion. The priorities were approved by all 14 Committee members in attendance.

Due to the time, Jessica proposed subcommittees meeting to discuss subcommittee priorities for 2012 and report those back to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting for Committee approval. Committee members agreed. Jessica will be sending an email out to ask the Committee members to let her know if help is needed to make arrangements for the meetings.

8. Call to the Public

No comment at this time from the Public.

9. Future Agenda Items

In conclusion of the meeting, Jessica went over some of the agenda items for the meeting that will be scheduled for March. Future meetings will be scheduled for every other month (alternating between the 3rd Tuesday and Thursday Morning). Jessica will send out a schedule. Below are the agenda items discussed:

- Revisit some of the strategies from the July Meeting.
- Infection Control Technical Assistance/Licensing.
- Review the Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) Report for 2010.
- 2012 Strategy Session – Subcommittee Priorities for the Year.
- Define partners that are missing around the table.

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. Next meeting will be scheduled for March 2012. Exact date and location will be determined.