

Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee
January 18, 2011
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Connie Belden	Greg Garcia	Kris Korte	Tanie Sherman
Charlie Chapin	Patty Gray	Diane Kubala	Rebecca Sunenshine
Cara Christ	Felipe Gutierrez	Donald Lauer	Donna Wolk
Michael Dietrich	Michelle Humphreys	Elizabeth Lueck	Mary Ann Yahl
Aarikha D'Souza	Clare Kioski	Orion McCotter	
Debbie Dutton	Ron Klein	Jessica Rigler	
Laura Erhart	Ken Komatsu	Mike Saubolle	

Visitors in attendance:

Omar Contreras
LeAnn Swanson
Wendy Snyder

1. Call to Order--Welcome and Introductions

The HAI Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18th Avenue, 300B Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, on January 18, 2011. A quorum being present, Jessica Rigler, HAI Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Each of the Advisory Committee members attending in person or by teleconference provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group.

2. Review and Approval of November 16, 2010 Minutes

The Advisory Committee moved on to the review of the November 16, 2010 minutes. After no changes to the minutes were requested, Kris Korte motioned to approve the minutes and Debbie Dutton seconded the motion.

3. ADHS Updates

a. NHSN Updates

Jessica Rigler had no programmatic details from NHSN to report. There will be an APIC Webinar on January 26, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. Arizona time, on standardized infection ratio. Jessica will send out the webinar announcement to the Committee members in case anyone is interested in participating. There were no updates on surgical site infections.

b. Staffing

Jessica reported that she has moved into her new role as the program manager for the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Preparedness section and ADHS is in the process of hiring a new state HAI Coordinator, and if anyone is interested in applying for the position or knows of someone who may be interested, the announcement will be posted soon.

Jessica brought up an additional item regarding the [ADHS secured portal](#). She informed everyone that the HAI Advisory Committee section has been setup on the portal to allow Advisory Committee and subcommittee members to share and review documents. She reminded the members that don't already have a Siren account or MEDSIS access that they will need to sign the user agreement emailed to them in order have access to the portal. Jessica will send out an email with the link to the portal.

4. Current topics

CUSP: Stop BSI

LeAnn Swanson from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association was a guest at the meeting and provided some informational updates about the On the CUSP: Stop BSI program. She shared details about the national effort and announced that Arizona will be one of the states kicking off the program this month. Arizona has eight hospitals that will be participating. Ms. Swanson plans to attend future meetings to provide updates on the program.

5. Organizational Acknowledgements on Committee Products

The Advisory Committee proceeded to discuss how contributions of subcommittee members and other organizations should be acknowledged and branded on the products produced by the subcommittees to be distributed to health care providers and to the public. The group decided that since the products will have final approval by the Advisory Committee, the Arizona HAI Advisory Committee should be printed on the items as the organizational acknowledgement. The acknowledgements of the subcommittee members and organizations involved will be listed on the HAI Advisory Committee website, without contact information, just name and affiliations. The HAI Coordinator can then monitor the website and send inquiries to the appropriate person. Jessica asked for a motion of approval. Ron Klein motioned to approve the decision and Debbie Dutton seconded the motion.

6. Subcommittee updates

a. Public Education

The Public Education subcommittee launched and ended their video contest for the public health campaign. Awards of the contest consisted of a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention award. Most of the entries were submitted by schools. ADHS and Maricopa County PIOs are working on putting together a media event to announce the winners. The winners of the contest will be sent out to the Advisory Committee. Jessica has also obtained some of the videos and will put those on the website.

The subcommittee produced PDF versions of the some of the public education pamphlets on MRSA, C. diff, VRE, and general hygiene. Those should be sent out soon for the Advisory Committee's approval. The subcommittee is looking at developing a one-page flyer on MRSA, C. diff, VRE, and general hygiene for the web page and some other documents for media use.

b. Antimicrobial Stewardship

The Antimicrobial Stewardship subcommittee is in the process of modifying and fine tuning their antimicrobial stewardship survey to be sent out to hospital pharmacists. The guidelines for C diff have been completed and submitted for approval. Jessica has passed those on to the Prevention Strategy subcommittee to include with their toolkit.

c. Surveillance

The Surveillance subcommittee is working to complete their surveillance survey. The survey is almost ready to go except for the cover letter. Due to the implementation of signups for NHSN, the subcommittee may need to take another look at the survey before it goes out to make sure it is still on target.

d. Prevention Strategies

The Prevention Strategies subcommittee has almost completed the work products for their prevention strategies toolkits for health care organizations, and they are in the process of exchanging their work with other members to let them field test them to make sure that they are user friendly and useful. Those should be received back by February 10 and will be ready to present them to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting. They are also field testing the education toolkit and will be presenting that to the Committee.

Jessica mentioned that she is hopeful the HAI portal site can be utilized to share all the documents and products. Committee members can expect emails from her prior to the meeting in March to a look at some products and be ready to discuss them at the next meeting.

7. ADHS HAI Program

a. 2010 Progress Report

Jessica briefly gave an overview of what the HAI Advisory Committee accomplished in 2010. She referred to the ADHS HAI Plan Progress Report – December 2010 that was sent out to all the Advisory Committee members, and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. The final draft will be posted on the HAI website, and comments are welcomed.

b. 2011 Directions

Jessica presented some of her ideas for 2011 mentioned that she would really like to expand the network of partners and focus on improving relationships with ambulatory surgery centers, expand and strengthen partnerships with dialysis and long term care and assisted living facilities. Some of the members would like to see tribal integration and home health agencies included. Below are some of the ideas and suggestions for 2011 directions:

- Work with ADHS Licensing to develop technical assistance programs for infection control that include guidance of regulations and requirements.
- Improve lab capabilities to detect infections during HAI outbreaks. Donna Wolk has volunteered to use her resources to help with this activity. Jessica will follow up with her.

- Finalize the Outbreak Investigation Protocol.
- Look at the NHSN reporting and implement a pilot program.
- Look at the surveillance and antimicrobial stewardship surveys and toolkits that the subcommittees have been working on.
- Look at ways to support and enhance prevention strategies and surveillance and to provide more education to the public, media, and the healthcare providers.
- Enhance quality of laboratory methods to make choices for testing procedures (blood cultures protocols and contamination), decision making process, test system compliance, and best practices.
- Establish enhanced linkages between long term care and acute care to help reduce MDROs and provide improved education about antimicrobial therapies.
- Update ADHS' Guidelines for Management of Patients with Antibiotic-Resistant Organisms.

These 2011 Directions will be revisited mid-year.

8. Call to the Public

There was a call to the public. No public attended this meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

Review and approve the public education pamphlets and prevention strategies toolkits.

10. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Next meeting will be in March –date to be determined– 2:00-4:00 p.m.