

Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee
March 29, 2011
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Shoana Anderson	Laura Erhart	Ron Klein	Orion McCotter
Connie Beiden	Greg Garcia	Ken Komatsu	Jessica Rigler
Charlie Chapin	Patty Gray	Kris Korte	Tanie Sherman
Michael Dietrich	Joyce Hospodar	Diane Kubala	Rebecca Sunenshine
Aairika D'Souza	Michelle Humphreys	Don Herrington	Lisa Woodson
Debbie Dutton	Clare Kioski	Elizabeth Lueck	Mary Ann Yahl

Subcommittee Members in attendance:

Annette Cordova
Emily Jantz
Kevin Tierney

Visitors in attendance:

LeAnn Swanson
Wendy Snyder

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 March 29, 2011. A quorum being present, Aarikha D'Souza, HAI Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Aarikha D'Souza welcomed everyone to the meeting and started off the introductions by introducing herself to the Committee as the new HAI Coordinator. Each of the committee members attending in person or by teleconference provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group.

2. Review and Approval of January 18, 2011 Minutes

The Advisory Committee moved on to the review of the January 18, 2011 minutes. After no changes to the minutes were requested, Clare Kioski motioned to approve the minutes, and Patty Gray seconded the motion.

3. ADHS Updates

a. Staffing

Aarikha D'Souza reiterated that she has replaced Jessica Rigler as the new HAI program coordinator and will be coordinating the activities of the HAI Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee will be hearing a lot from her in the near future.

b. NHSN Changes

The HAI program is reviewing the draft version of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data user agreement that is out for solicitation for feedback. The program will be working with the state legal counsel regarding the protection logistics. The agreement would be between CDC and the state health departments, particularly states that do not have mandatory reporting of HAIs as part of their rules. The agreement states that CDC will share NHSN data with state health departments for certain HAIs. The intentions for the use of the data will be primarily for surveillance and prevention efforts.

c. Other Updates

Aarikha let the Advisory Committee know that APIC will be coming out with a survey for local infection preventionists (IPs) to assess relationships between state health departments and IPs of acute care hospitals. The survey is set to go out in mid-April. Aarikha requested the Committee members to watch for the survey. The survey was also mentioned in the APIC newsletter.

Aarikha announced that the The HAI Advisory Committee website <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/hai/HAIcommittee.htm> is up and running. A list of the Advisory Committee members as well as past meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are available on the website. The website will be used for future Advisory Committee activities.

4. Current Topics

a. On the CUSP: Stop BSI – LeAnn Swanson

LeAnn Swanson from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association gave a brief update on the On the CUSP: Stop BSI collaborative. They have finished the series of the immersion calls. The hospitals that are participating have received their data training and are in the process of receiving their hospital survey training. The project kick off meeting for the hospital teams is scheduled for May 19, and then they will begin participation in the national monthly content calls. Nine hospitals in Arizona are participating in the project.

5. HAI Advisory Committee Logo Approval

The HAI Advisory Committee Logo was reviewed by the Advisory Committee. After suggestions of some formatting changes and usage of the logo by the individual subcommittees, the Committee members were satisfied with the final draft. A motion to approve the logo with the suggested changes was made by Ron Klein, and seconded by Michael Dietrich and Mary Ann Yahl.

6. Discussion and approval of Subcommittee Products

a. Public Education

The public education subcommittee presented drafts of their completed education pamphlets, *Living with C.Diff*; *Living with VRE*; and *General Strategies for Staying Health*. The Advisory Committee reviewed these and several formatting and content changes were suggested and discussed. Changes to the material were noted by the public education subcommittee. Those changes will be made to the pamphlets and final drafts

will be presented again at the next meeting. If anyone has any additional suggestions, send those to either Aarikha or Michelle Humphreys.

b. Surveillance

The surveillance subcommittee presented their completed survey, *HAI Surveillance Survey to Acute Hospitals*, for the Advisory Committee to review. A few changes to the formatting and content were suggested and discussed, and the changes were noted by the surveillance subcommittee. With the agreement that those changes will be made, a motion to approve the survey was made by Kris Korte and seconded by Clare Kioski.

c. Prevention

The prevention subcommittee presented one of their components of the Clostridium toolkit, *Removing C.difficile from the Environment*, for review and discussion. Several format and content changes were suggested and discussed by the Advisory Committee, and the changes to be made were noted by the prevention subcommittee.

All the documents for the above discussion and approval were sent out to the Advisory Committee by Aarikha and handouts were available at the meeting.

During the discussion of the subcommittee products, it was decided by the Advisory Committee that an additional meeting is needed to continue the review and approval of the subcommittee products. A meeting for April will be setup by Aarikha, and Committee members will be notified.

The following items on the agenda were not covered.

- Subcommittee Updates
- Infections Control Technical Assistance/Licensing
- 2011 Infectious Disease Training and Exercise and HAI Strategic Planning Meeting

7. Call to the Public

There was no call to the public at this time.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items were not discussed. An additional meeting will be setup for April to continue with the discussion and approval of the subcommittee products.

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be in April 2011, 2:00-4:00 PM. Date and location will be determined.