

**Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee**  
**September 10, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Members in attendance:**

Connie Belden	Greg Garcia	Eugene Livar (Chair)
Annette Cordova	Patty Gray	Victoria Mieth
Charlie Chapin	Elizabeth Lueck	Anne Millkamp
Debra Dutton	Lynn Luger	Tammy Sylvester
Laura Erhart	Kris Korte	Lisa Woodson

**Representation by proxy:**

Claudia Montes for Cara Christ  
Clarisse Tsang for Ken Komatsu  
Mohammed Khan for Jessica Rigler

**Visitors in attendance:**

Steven Bailey  
Wendy Snyder

**1. Call to Order--Welcome and Introductions**

The Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Advisory Committee (Committee) convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 540A Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, on September 10, 2013. Eugene Livar, HAI Coordinator, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Each of the Committee members provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group. A quorum was met later into the meeting.

**2. Review of the May 7, 2013, Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the May 7, 2013, minutes and no changes were requested. The minutes were approved by the Committee when quorum was met. Patty Gray referenced the CRE Prevention item in the minutes and mentioned that APIC is updating their website to include a CRE Map that could be a good reference tool for the Committee.

**3. Review of the July 11, 2013 Meeting Notes**

The Committee reviewed the notes from the meeting on July 11, 2013, and no changes were requested. The notes were approved by the Committee when quorum was met.

**4. NHSN Updates**

Laura Erhart wanted to take the opportunity to announce that Eugene Livar was selected as the new HAI Coordinator and then provided the following NHSN updates to the Committee. A new version of NHSN has been released, which allows CDC to create a super group for ADHS to have access to NHSN data. The HAI Program will need to decide on a timeline to notify the facilities of the super group. A notification letter and fact sheet is the process of being written. Laura mentioned that there will be limited data access and data sharing.

Eugene explained that a state specific meeting with CDC will be setup to get guidance on information sharing and to get the names of the facilities that will be added to the super group. Charles Chaplin suggested reaching out to the facilities in the super group using the HSAG database of hospitals that are reporting to NHSN. The Committee continued to discuss the importance of who the notifications should go to and facility validation.

## **5. HAI Validation Toolkit Webinar: Enhancing Surveillance and Building Relationships During Validation**

Eugene provided details of a HAI Validation Toolkit webinar put on by CSTE (Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists) that the HAI program took part in. Eugene highlighted the following from the webinar:

- Goal of the audit/validation to ensure the quality/consistency of the NHSN data.
- What the validation toolkit provides guidance for and importance of using it as a guide.
- Steps and approaches to validation.
- What should be done to ensure a good relationship?
- Future items that are being addressed.

Eugene asks the Committee members if they have suggestions on steps to be taken, any guidance, or resources that would be useful to the program. Eugene will update the Committee on the validation toolkit protocols.

## **6. ADHS Technical Assistance to Dialysis Facilities**

Mohammed Khan, ADHS Office of Infectious Disease Services, presented details of presentations that are being conducted to provide technical assistance to dialysis facilities to assist them with compliance with infection control measures. Mohammed shared some of the feedback they have received. Most of the feedback has been the need for patient education materials. Eugene and Mohammed have discussed keeping track of the questions brought up by the facilities and have those addressed by the subcommittees in the future.

## **7. CMS Update**

Charlie Chaplin shared details of a CMS Webcast scheduled for September 17, 2013, that will provide an overview of the final Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Rule for Fiscal Year 2014, and he presented highlights of the APIC document called *Summary of Infection Prevention Issues in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) FY 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule*. Points highlighted were:

- Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program
- CMS Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program for FY 2015
- CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)
- Modifications to the Validation Process under the Hospital IQR Program

## **8. HAI Advisory Committee Subcommittee Updates**

### **a. Antimicrobial Stewardship Subcommittee**

The Antimicrobial Stewardship subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is reviewing the Antibioqram toolkit and is awaiting feedback. The toolkit should be ready for Committee review and approval by the next Committee meeting.
- The subcommittee is reviewing the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Slide Set and the slide set should be ready for approval at the next Committee meeting.
- The subcommittee completed the Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDRO) fact sheet and presented it to the Committee for review and approval. The MDRO fact sheet was approved by the Committee.

**b. Surveillance Strategies Subcommittee**

The Surveillance Strategies subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee has been working on the NHSN fact sheet for skilled nursing facilities for infection surveillance and prevention and presented the fact sheet to the Committee for approval. The Committee reviewed the fact sheet, and with one minor change, the NHSN fact sheet was approved by the Committee.
- The subcommittee is discussing what direction they would like to move forward with future projects and shared some of their ideas with the Committee.

**c. Training and Education Subcommittee**

The Training and Education subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is conducting a poster contest for the International Infection Prevention Week.
- The subcommittee is in the beginning stages of creating a Scabies pamphlet.
- The subcommittee has completed the Pertussis pamphlet and presented it to the Committee for approval. The pamphlet was approved by the Committee.

**d. Long Term Care Work Group Subcommittee**

The Long Term Care Work Group subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is conducting a transfer tool pilot program.
- The subcommittee provided updates on the *C. difficile* letter that was sent out and is awaiting survey results on the post infection testing perimeters.
- The subcommittee looked at the deficiency data for long term care facilities and shared some of the findings.
- The subcommittee is also involved in the Scabies pamphlet that the Training and Education subcommittee is working on.

**e. Prevention Strategies**

The Prevention Strategies subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is discussing future projects that will focus on hand hygiene. The subcommittee will be creating a poster on hand hygiene.

**9. ESRD Subcommittee**

Eugene shared details of the first ESRD subcommittee meeting held on September 5, 2013, and items that were addressed and future projects discussed. The decision on the co-chair leadership will be presented at the next Committee meeting for approval.

**10. HAI Coordinator Update**

Eugene informed the Committee that he has accepted the HAI Coordinator position, and will start on September 16. He would like the Committee members to contact him with any ideas, suggestions, or comments.

**11. Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Care Centers During Disasters**

Eugene provided a brief description of the *Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Care Centers During Disasters* document and asked the Committee to review the slides at their own leisure, and if needed, the Committee can discuss the information at the next meeting.

**12. Specialty Compounding, LLC**

Eugene informed the Committee that the Food and Drug Administration has announced a recall on certain medications produced by the Specialty Compounding, LLC, and shared details of the recall.

**13. Call to the Public**

No call to the public was needed.

**14. Future Agenda Items**

- Reaching out to the other Committee members for presence at the meetings
- Aspects of the toolkits
- Antibiogram Toolkit
- ASP slide set
- Scabies pamphlet
- Ideas or suggestions
- ESRD co-chair leadership approval

**15. Adjournment**

The HAI Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. at the Arizona Department of Health Services, ALS Training Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor).