

**Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee**  
**November 14, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Members in attendance:**

Sylvia Balisteri	Ron Klein	Orion McCotter	Gloria Haught-Neese
Connie Belden	Ken Komatsu	Mark Redell	Victoria Mieth
Charlie Chapin	Kris Korte	Jessica Rigler	
Laura Erhart	Elizabeth Lueck	Tammy Sylvester	
Patty Gray	Lynn Luger	Saskia Van Rijn	

**Representatives by proxy:**

Lisa Villarroel for Cara Christ

**Visitors in attendance:**

Shane Brady  
Darla Kunze  
Wendy Snyder  
Christine Wampler

**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, ALS Training Room, Phoenix, Arizona, on November 14, 2013. A quorum being present, Ken Komatsu who was filling in for Eugene Livar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Each of the Committee members and visitors in person or by teleconference provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group.

**2. Review and Approval of September 10, 2013 Minutes**

The Committee moved on to the review and approval of the September 10, 2013, minutes. With no changes requested, the Committee approved the minutes.

**3. HAI Advisory Subcommittee Updates**

**a. Prevention Strategies**

The Prevention Strategies subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is focusing on hand hygiene and inpatient empowerment.

**b. Antimicrobial Stewardship**

The Antimicrobial Stewardship subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee has received comments on the series of slides to be used to improve antimicrobial stewardship and the slides will be ready for approval by the Committee by the next meeting. The slides will be sent out in advance for the Committee's review.

**c. Training and Education**

The Training and Education subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The Infection Prevention poster contest deadline was extended to November 8, 2013. ADHS will be handling the announcement of the winners and the recognition.
- The subcommittee is collaborating with the Long Term Care subcommittee on a scabies pamphlet.
- The subcommittee is working on a TDap technical bulletin for providers.

**d. Surveillance**

The Surveillance subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee will be putting together a survey to find out the surveillance needs of healthcare facilities. Plans are to get input by ADHS regarding their surveillance surveys and electronic capabilities.

**e. ESRD**

The ESRD subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee is working on an infection control bingo that focuses on patient interaction and education.
- The Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIIS) presented to the subcommittee how providers and patients can use ASIIS to track their vaccinations.
- The subcommittee will be repeating the ADVICE collaborative for 2014.
- The subcommittee recruited an ESRD patient representative at the last meeting.
- The subcommittee discussed an influenza flyer to promote vaccinations among healthcare workers and patients and to address misconception of vaccinations.

**f. Long-Term Care**

The Long Term Care subcommittee provided the following updates:

- The subcommittee has been piloting the transfer tool and is in the process of resolving a variety of issues with the toolkit.
- The subcommittee is working with Licensing to have surveyors disseminate unused C. diff pamphlets to assisted living communities.
- The subcommittees reviewed the educational flyer on the NHSN program and are working on publicizing the flyer.

**4. *Antibiotic resistance threats in the United States, 2013***

An overview of the *Antibiotic resistance threats in the United States, 2013*, that was released on September 16, 2013, which highlights the threat levels of specific HAI pathogens was provided by Ken Komatsu.

**5. *Get Smart About Antibiotics Week, November 18-24, 2013***

An overview of the CDC Get Smart about Antibiotics Week, November 18-24, 2013, that focuses on antibiotic resistance and the appropriate use of antibiotics was provided by Ken Komatsu.

**6. Upcoming CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds Presents "Combating resistance: Getting Smart about Antibiotics"**

Ken Komatsu provided details of the upcoming CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds Presentation: "Combating resistance: Getting Smart about Antibiotics," scheduled for November 19, 2013, which will highlight how improved prescribing practices and policies can help reduce rates of antibiotic resistance and improve individual patient outcomes.

**7. Antibigram Toolkit**

Dr. Mark Redell presented the subcommittees' work on the antibiogram toolkit for the Committee's review and approval. After Committee discussion and recommendations were made, the Committee motioned to approve the contents of the document only, and agreed that revisions to the layout and graphics are needed to make the toolkit more user-friendly. The subcommittee will work with Eugene Livar on this.

**8. Call to the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**9. Potential Future Agenda Items**

- Summary report of viral outbreak on the Arizona State Hospital campus.
- Review and approval of the Antibiogram toolkit layout and graphics.
- Schedule of HAI Advisory Committee meetings for next year.
- Review and update the HAI Strategic Plan for the state.

**10. Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 540A Conference Room.