

Healthcare-Associated Infection Advisory Committee
November 16, 2010
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Shoana Anderson	Laura Erhart	Donald Lauer	Rebecca Sunenshine
Charlie Chapin	Greg Garcia	Elizabeth Lueck	Tammy Sylvester
Cara Christ	Michelle Humphreys	Orion McCotter	Lisa Woodson
Michael Dietrich	Clare Kioski	Jessica Rigler	Mary Ann Yahl
Aarikha D'Souza	Ron Klein	Judy Sgrillo	
Debbie Dutton	Kris Korte	Tanie Sherman	

1. Call to Order--Welcome and Introductions

The HAI Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18th Avenue, 415B Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, on November 16, 2010. A quorum being present, Jessica Rigler, HAI Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. 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 August 17, 2010 Minutes

The Committee moved on to the review of the August 17, 2010 minutes. After no changes to the minutes were requested, Clare Kioski motioned to approve the minutes, and Tammy Sylvester seconded the motion.

3. Arizona Immunization Program Office – National Infant Immunization Week

Chris Lyons from the ADHS Arizona Immunization Program Office presented information about National Infant Immunization Week/Vaccination Week in the Americas, scheduled for the week of April 23-30, 2011. Ms. Lyons presented some of the details and goals of the event. A handout will be provided with the minutes.

Ms. Lyons informed the Committee about a survey on Tdap vaccination for adults, called “Cocooning Survey 2010” sent to the hospitals, and encouraged the Committee members to complete the survey. Jessica will have that information available.

In closing of her presentation, Ms. Lyons expressed to the Committee that if they are interested in learning more about National Infant Immunization Week and become involved in supporting the objectives, please contact Kaleen Kahl, Health Educator, Arizona Immunization Program Office, listed on the handout. The program will follow up with you.

4. Committee Structure

Jessica discussed the importance of the Advisory Committee meetings switching to operating under the open meeting laws. Each of the Committee members was asked to recommit themselves to actively participating in the Advisory Committee in order to meet

quorum requirements. Jessica reviewed some of the open meetings laws with the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to discuss some of the implications of operating under the open meeting laws, and what affect this would have on the subcommittees' activities and deadlines if everything needed to go through the Advisory Committee for approval. The Committee members were concerned with whether or not the subcommittees should also operate under the same laws, and if so, the challenges the subcommittees may face with meeting quorum.

During the discussion, a suggestion was made for the Advisory Committee meetings to be held every other month instead of quarterly to meet the needs of the subcommittees. A motion was made by Clare Kioski, and seconded by Michelle Humphreys, to change the Advisory Committee meetings from quarterly to every other month.

In conclusion, a motion was made by Clare Kioski, and seconded by Michelle Humphreys to officially operate the Advisory Committee meetings under the open public meetings laws, and exclude the subcommittees from doing so, and have some kind of caveat to move things through the Advisory Committee for approval, and if not approved by the Committee, have some kind of disclosure statement stating this.

Jessica reminded the Committee that there will be an HAI Advisory Committee page on the HAI website for Advisory Committee information.

5. ADHS Updates

a. CDC HAI Grantee Meeting Highlights

Jessica attended the CDC's HAI Grantee Meeting in October and gave an overview of some of the details. Jessica mentioned that on the anniversary dated of the ARRA funding, she sent out the blog post from the [CDC Safe Healthcare blog](#).

b. NHSN Changes

Jessica went over some of the [NHSN Purposes and Assurances of Confidentiality](#) changes and details of the trainings being provided. Some information related to NHSN trainings has been sent out already. All the WebEx presentations are posted online for those NHSN trainings as well as the CDC workshops. Training materials are located at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/hai/training.htm>.

c. Logo

Stephen Herchak the graphic designer who has been assisting the Advisory Committee with the design of the logo is no longer available to help. Jessica has obtained the sketches with all the Advisory Committee's feedback. If anyone knows of a graphic designer that would be interested in completing the project, let Jessica know. Kris Korte requested Jessica to send the sketches to her and she would see if her son could look at them.

d. Staffing

Jessica announced her new position as the program manager for the Infectious Disease Epidemiology section and that ADHS will be hiring another HAI Coordinator who will be conducting the meetings. Jessica still plans on attending the meetings.

6. Subcommittee updates

a. Public Education

The Public Education subcommittee met with SCAN and had a radio interview that aired during the Infection Prevention Week to answer questions geared towards the senior population. The subcommittee rolled out a public health campaign that involved a video contest and had only one submission to date. The video contest may be extended through the beginning of January. The members worked on four educational pamphlets for MRSA, C. diff, VRE, and general hygiene. All the educational material will be combined in a packet and dispersed to medical facilities throughout the state.

b. Antimicrobial Stewardship

The Antimicrobial Stewardship subcommittee will meet on November 22 for a teleconference call. Members will be sending out a survey to test drive some questions regarding awareness of antimicrobial stewardship and where they are with their programs. The subcommittee will decide on what type of education is needed for antimicrobial stewardship. Several members of the subcommittee have obtained the national antimicrobial stewardship programs information to assist them with this process.

c. Surveillance

The Surveillance subcommittee is working on a surveillance survey to be sent out at the end of the month to infection preventionists that is aimed at assessing surveillance and prevention practices, and to get an idea about what others are doing across the state for health care associated infections, and where they might need additional support, education, or resources. A cover page for the survey is being drafted and will explain the purpose of the tool, why it's important, and who needs to take the survey. Both the antimicrobial stewardship and surveillance survey will be conducted using Survey Monkey tool.

d. Prevention Strategies

During the months of October and November, the Prevention Strategies subcommittee got together with their individual work groups. *Surveillance*--providing a road map with all of the elements to perform surveillance in the various settings. *Staff education*--produced a rough draft on a power point on pathogenesis diagnosis, and transmission of infections in a ready to use format. *Environmental cleaning*--reviewed a document they obtained and streamlined it into a template. They are in the process of adding links to the template to so all the information can be viewed and used. *Patient care*--doing hand hygiene and contact precautions. They are finalizing information on the use of contact precautions in the various settings. Links to the

World Health Organization and CDC will be provided on hand hygiene procedures and indications, audit tools, and sample hand hygiene contact precaution signs.

7. Current topics

a. AHRQ HAI Report

The AHRQ HAI Report highlights some of the statistical healthcare associated infections in adults using 2007 data that would be a good tool to update staff and provide a resource for new information when talking about the importance of HAIs. The link [AHRQ HAI Report](#) was provided on the agenda and was previously sent out.

b. CUSP: Stop BSI

The CUSP: Stop BSI program was one of the current topics talked about at the last meeting that is a prevention collaborative for CLABSI prevention that is being coordinated by the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association through the American Hospital Association who are recruiting hospitals to participate. Jessica asked the Committee members if any of their facilities have opted to participate in the program and encourages their participation.

c. Other topics

Jessica is willing to entertain any new agenda ideas from the Committee members for future meetings. She referred to an email that she sent out about this week being Antimicrobial Stewardship week and [CDCs Get Smart Know When Antibiotics Work](#). A healthcare component was added to that so there is a lot of new material on CDC's website.

8. Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Workers

Jessica opened up the floor for discussion about whether mandatory influenza vaccination for healthcare workers should be recommended. The members talked about the advantages and implications of such a program.

9. Call to the Public

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

10. Future Agenda Items

Jessica encouraged the Committee members to send her any agenda ideas that they would like to discuss. Some of the items Jessica would like to put on the next agenda is to look at the state HAI plan again and redefine some of the new strategic priorities for the coming year; discuss the funding that was applied for through the state epidemiology laboratory capacity grant that included HAI funding and discuss any additional resources ADHS will have to support HAI prevention; discuss the Department of Health and Human Services HAI action plan, stage two, that will address alternative care facilities; and maintaining momentum for the Committee by getting ideas from them on what priority projects they would like to discuss, tackle, and make recommendations.

11. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Next meeting –To Be Determined– 2:00-4:00 PM.