

**Healthcare Acquired Infections**  
**January 19, 2007**  
**CT Hospital Association**  
**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Jon Olson, Hari Chanda, Julie Petrillis, Jackie Blake, Diane Selvidio, Bonnie Capasso, Wendy Furniss, Louise Dembry, Jim Hadler, Jean Rexford, Joanne Chapin, Diane Dumigan, Douglas Waite, Sue MacArthur, Ray Andrews, Brenda Grant, Pat Monahan, Brian Cooper, Richard Garibaldi, Joseph Garner, David Neville, Christy Vale.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Karen Buckley-Bates.

The minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were approved. Julie Petrellis facilitated a phone conversation with Monica Klevens, DDS, MOPH, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.

She narrated a power point presentation that gave the background and an overview of the National Healthcare Safety Network, which began in 2005. The purpose of the program is to describe the epidemiology of adverse events among patients and personnel in the U.S. healthcare facilities; promote epidemiologically-sound surveillance methodology; establish comparative rates that can be used for local quality improvement efforts; and conduct collaborative research with members. The components of NHSN include: patient safety, healthcare personnel safety, and research and development. The system can also be customized at the state level (e.g. transfer patients, specific organism) (Copy of presentation if attached).

Questions were posed and a discussion took place as to how NHSN could be used to accomplish the legislative mandate in Connecticut.

CDC is still working on a validation mechanism to ensure consistency. There are no enrollment fees for hospitals.

Action steps:

- Survey hospitals (who's enrolled, who's strongly considering enrolling (Julie Petrellis)
- Develop fiscal note-each hospital (DPH)

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting will take place on **February 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at CHA**