

Healthcare Acquired Infections
October 27, 2006
CT Hospital Association
10 AM – Noon
Minutes

Attendees: Louise Dembry, Pat Mshar, Bonnie Capasso, Harry Mazadoorian, Ray Andrews, Wendy Furniss, Carrie Brady, Joanne Chapin, Jennifer Martin, Brian Cooper, Lillian Burns, Jackie Blake, Diane Dumigan, Susan MacArthur, Jean Rexford, Tanya Court, Joseph Garner, Karen Buckley-Bates, Jennifer Cox, Brenda Grant, John Boyce, Diane Selvidio, Jon Olson, Douglas Waite, Pat Monahan, Anne Elwell, Julie Petrellis

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 by Karen Buckley-Bates.

Following introductions, Karen Buckley-Bates gave a brief overview of the Legislative intent of Public Act 06-142 that established this committee.

Presentations:

Interest and Concerns of the Consumer
Jean Rexford, CT Coalition on Patient Safety

The presentation included a list of elements that the organization considers to be essential for the success of this group. Among the items listed were: mandatory reporting that is clear and easily understood by the public; hospital and surgical center specific reports; outcome measures; accurate data; funding for staff and reporting systems; timelines with deadlines for the first report; an ability to add more reporting measures in the future without further legislation. Strong emphasis should be placed on educating the public, patient confidentiality and enforcement measures for non-compliance. Doctors should be required to report back to hospitals on the ultimate outcomes of patients who acquire infections while in the hospital or shortly after release.

What is Healthcare Epidemiology?
Dr. Louise Dembry, Yale New Haven Hospital

Dr. Dembry gave a presentation that identified various measures that must be instituted to address the issue of infections acquired in the healthcare setting. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38.

The next meeting will be held on **November 16, 2006** at 10:00 a.m. at CHA