

Healthcare Acquired Infections
September 21, 2007
2:00 pm
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Karen Buckley-Bates.

Legislative session wrap-up – Karen Buckley-Bates provided a brief update that DPH received funding during the past legislative session to implement the recommendations of the committee. Funding was allocated to fund education initiatives and the hiring of staff, as well as the necessary equipment for the staff.

Implementation steps:

The Education committee met and developed an RFP to go out to vendors on the DAS vendor list. Responses are due back by September 28th. DPH is moving forward to hire the new staff to run this new program. The positions are currently awaiting approval at DAS and OPM. DPH has been working with CHA to offer training to hospitals on how to connect and register with the CDC NHSN program. CHA has scheduled a training for hospital administrators for October 19th. Additional training opportunities for “users” will follow. The Commissioner will be sending out a letter to the hospital CEOs indicating the need to register by November 1st and to begin submitting data on the selected module by January 1st. The Committee spent a great deal of time discussing these dates and members expressed concern about the resources necessary and the time necessary to comply with the requirement. Concern was also expressed that there needs to be enough communication with hospitals to implement this new program appropriately and efficiently.

ICU and Data collection:

It was agreed that CHA would poll the hospitals for the number and types of ICU beds and that the aggregate information would be reported back to the committee at the November meeting. The committee agreed to use this information to determine the recommendations on data collection for the first module.

Legislative Report:

The next report to the legislature is due October 1st. It was agreed that the committee would hold a conference call discussion on the draft report that will be circulated by September 28th.

The next meeting will take place on **November 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at CHA**