

**Healthcare Associated Infections Committee
Special Meeting and Conference call minutes
October 14, 2009**

Attendees: Ray Andrews (voting member), Karen Buckley Bates (voting member), Louise Dembry (voting member), Brian Fillipo (voting member), Richard Melchreit (DPH facilitator), Harry Mazadoorian (voting member), Alison Hong (participant), Marielle Daniels (voting member), Jean Rexford (voting member),

Call to order: The meeting/conference call started at 3:00 p.m.

Review and discussion of the draft Annual HAI Report

The group said that overall the draft was a good reflection of the activities of the HAI committee and program for the past year. There were two edits 1) to review and correct the numbers in Table 3 (pathogens identified during the Validation Study) to ensure that the numbers are accurate and that the rows add correctly; 2) to correct the year of the “2009” plan to the “2010” plan in the heading on page 18.

Vote on the Annual HAI Report

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the September 30 draft of the October 1, 2009 Annual Report, amended according to the discussion (see above) be submitted to the Commissioner of DPH for review, approval, and submission to the Legislature and posting on the DPH website. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Committee voting members in attendance: 7 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain.

Public Information

It was suggested that a second version of the report be prepared that would be specifically aimed to communicate the content of the Report to the public. Other state reports and websites could be helpful models. This issue will be raised with the DPH Communications Office for ideas and methods to accomplish this goal in the near term, and the DPH Government Relations Office could assist in any necessary research. Jean Rexford offered to review state reports and websites for models we may want to emulate.

Adjournment:

The call was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.