

**Healthcare Associated Infections Committee
Special Meeting and Conference call minutes
September 29, 2009**

Attendees: Ray Andrews (Donahue Foundation), Lauren Backman (DPH), Louise Dembry (Yale-New Haven Hospitals), Nancy Dupont (UCHC), Anne Elwell (Qualidigm), Brian Fillipo (CHA), Brenda Grant (Stamford), Cindy Kohan (HSR), Sue MacArthur (CCMC), Richard Melchreit (DPH), Richard Rodriguez (DPH), Marie Sudsbury (UCHC), Diane Steverman (L&M), and Douglas Waite (Day Kimball)

Call to order: The conference call started at 3:05 p.m.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed and the meeting was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard Garibaldi, who passed away in early September. Dr. Garibaldi was remembered for his leadership, professionalism, kindness, and dedication to the work of the Committee and the cause of patient care and the prevention of healthcare associated disease.

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. They made several editorial suggestions.

Summary

4th paragraph: break out the “range” numbers more, as presented here they are somewhat confusing.

Move paragraphs 2,3 of the Introduction into the Summary, to eliminate redundancy and improve flow.

New section (place just before the final section)

Report on public education and Education Subcommittee actives that did, or would, have gone on this past year, contingent on available resources.

Final section (State plan and future directions)

Emphasize the future expansion into healthcare facility types beyond the hospital.

There was not a quorum of voting members, so a vote to recommend the adoption of the report could not be taken.

Contingency planning for the November 4th meeting, considering H1N1:

The group agreed to plan to hold the next (public) meeting as scheduled, on November 4th, and to hold it at CHA. If the course of the H1N1 pandemic makes it either unadvisable or infeasible to hold the meeting (primarily) in person, the meeting could be held like this one, as a public meeting with a meeting space, but it would be expected and understood that most participants would be calling in.

Next Steps:

The draft report will be edited, based on the comments made at the meeting. A conference call will be held early next week with the aim of achieving a quorum of voting members to vote on the recommendation to the Department of Public Health that the Report be submitted to the legislature and posted on the DPH website.

Adjournment:

The call was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.