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## Connecticut Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee Strategic Planning Workgroup Minutes November 4, 2009

**Attendees:** Ray Andrews, Lauren Backman, Karen Buckley-Bates, Laurie Bretlinger, Louise Dembry, Alison Hong, Cynthia Kohan, Richard Melchreit, Mary Pakulski, Julie Petrellis, Jean Rexford, Diane Steverman

**Call to order:** Richard Melchreit called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

### **State HAI Plan (Interim, 2010):**

The Committee reviewed the 11/3 text of the draft state HAI plan that incorporates the changes advised by the Group. The edit on page 5 was revised to read "...will improve EFFICIENCY... rather than the phrase in the 11/3 draft, which is, "...completeness and accuracy...of reporting." It was noted that the edit on pg. 12 could not say the DPH Regulatory Section staff will "endorse" best practice guidelines (this is not DPH policy in general); however, it does mention they will distribute such guidelines to facilities as an educational resources. Other changes were accepted as written.

### **State Plan Metrics:**

The Group agreed that CLABSI should be a metric for 2010. For 2010, central line insertion practices should be made a metric, but not include the expectation that the NSHN CLIP module will be used and reported on by hospitals. The hospitals will all need to comply with the Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goal for central line insertion, which will foster achievement of this metric's 5-year National Target. DPH may need to request something line the Joint Commission Workplan to evaluate this measure. The invasive MRSA data (national metric 5a) that is reported in Connecticut as part of the EIP-Active Bacterial Core Surveillance Program was reviewed, and was added to the list of 2010 metrics in the Connecticut plan. The new metrics will not be reported by specific hospital. It was decided not to include SCIP data (metric 7) for 2010, though DPH will likely put a link on its website to the *Hospital Compare* website.

### **Strategic Planning:**

Preparations will begin for the 2010 Strategic Planning process. A summary table form the *DPH Strategic Planning Guidance* was distributed as background.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.