

Connecticut Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee Minutes

May 16, 2012

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Attendees: Ray Andrews, Matthew Bizzaro, Laurie Brentlinger, Dale Cunningham, Kathryn Cusano, Louise-Marie Dembry, Carol Dietz, Wendy Furniss, Brenda Grant, Alison Hong, Diana Kelly, Jenny Kitsen, Alessandra Litro, Harry Mazadoorian, Richard Melchreit, Julie Petrellis, Jean Rexford, Ethel Smith, Karen Taylor Silvia Van Heerden, Douglas Waite

Call In Attendees: Nancy Dupont

Call to Order: Richard Melchreit called the meeting to order at 9:07 am

Review and approval of prior advisory Committee meeting minutes (2/1/12): The draft minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.

Current Status of HAI Reporting Expansion: Preliminary data of the expansion of reportable HAIs was presented and discussed. The expanded reporting is collecting data from 58 ICU locations. Over 1000 surgical procedures have been entered (as denominator data) into the system and numerator data is beginning to be collected on the new HAI types and locations. Clearly the expanded data collection is working.

Annual Report: The Annual Report for 2010-2011 (including data from 2009) to the Legislative was drafted and submitted to the committee for review. The committee provided feedback and the report was finalized, and it was submitted to Commissioner Mullen for her review and signature. The approved Annual Report will be submitted to the General Assembly and posted on the DPH website for public access.

Website: The HAI program website is being renovated. The aim is to make it easier to navigate. There was discussion that the website should have patient information such as handout materials on HAIs and materials on preventing HAIs. Once the renovated website is fully prepared, it will be shared with the Advisory Committees' Education Subcommittee for review and comments before it goes live.

Connecticut Prevention Collaboratives: The Committee discussed ways the reported data is now being used by facilitators of prevention collaboratives to benchmark and promote effective prevention activities in facilities- to ensure the data has impact at the bedside.

Data Validation: The DPH is beginning to develop protocols for SSI, and CAUTI and expanded CLABSI location data validation. There are several best practices and resources available to inform this: Connecticut's past experience, other states, and the new CDC Toolkit. A workgroup of the Advisory Committee will be convened this summer to advise DPH staff as the Connecticut

protocols are developed. Advisory Committee members who volunteered: Alison Hong, Julie Petrellis, Carol Dietz, Louise-Marie Dembry, and Laurie Brentlinger.

Next Steps in public HAI Reporting in Connecticut: The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the recommendation to track the CMS payment update programs. DPH staff will therefore prepare for anticipated 2013 expanded reporting (which includes enrollment of Long Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACs) into NHSN and data collection from outpatient hemodialysis centers).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am

The next quarterly HAI Advisory Committee meeting will be Wednesday August 1st at CHA in Wallingford from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.