



Healthcare Quality Reporting Program

HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS AND PREVENTION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

8:00-9:00am 5/21/2012 at Healthcentric Advisors

Goals/Objectives

- To discuss HAI work to date and make policy recommendations for pending and upcoming reports

Members

✓ Nicole Alexander, MD	✓ Linda McDonald, RN	✓ Georgette Uttley, MEd, BSN, RN
✓ Rosa Baier, MPH	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM	✓ Nancy Vallande, MSM, MT, CIC
✓ Utpala Bandy, MD	✓ Pat Mastors	✓ Cindy Vanner
✓ Marlene Fishman, MPH, CIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Robin Neale, MT (ASCP), SM, CIC	✓ Margaret Vigorito, MS, RN
✓ Yongwen Jiang	✓ Kathleen O’Connell, RN,BSN,CIC	✓ Samara Viner-Brown, MS
✓ Julie Jefferson, RN, MPH, CIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee Ann Quinn, RN, BS, CIC	✓ Liz Martino
✓ Maureen Marsella, RN, BS	✓ Janet Robinson, RN, Med, CIC	✓ Gina Rocha

Time Topic/Notes

8:00am **Welcome & Administrative Updates**

Samara Viner-Brown, MS
Rosa Baier, MPH

- Rosa opened the meeting, then the group reviewed the action items from the previous meeting:

- **Ask Dr. Fine about discussing PCR testing with hospital CEOs (Sam) – pending**

Sam is meeting with Dr. Fine on Thursday and will follow-up with him on his CEO meeting and PCR testing.

- **Identify opportunities for hospitals to educate nursing homes (Rosa) – complete**

Rosa identified an opportunity to educate the nursing home community on healthcare worker immunization at a June meeting to be hosted by Healthcentric Advisors, which focuses on reducing nursing home staff turnover. Melissa Miranda coordinates that meeting and plans to invite a hospital employee health director and an IP to participate in a panel discussion. At the last meeting, Robin Neale expressed a willingness to participate. Julie recommended Donna Dube from Lifespan as the employee health director panelist.

Julie also mentioned that, at their next meeting, the ICP-SNE group will have an employee health nurse present on her process for immunizing and tracking her hospital immunization record. Nursing home IPs will be present.

- **Share Rules and Regulations public hearing date (Rosa/Sam) – pending**

The *Rules and Regulations* public hearing date has not been set, although Rosa

registered for the listserv that will announce the meeting and will share the notice as soon as the meeting is scheduled.

- **Investigate required documentation for flu vaccination** (Rosa) – pending

Rosa hopes to answer this question at the public hearing.

- **Follow-up with the CDC with five quarters of data** (Len/Rosa) – pending

We now have five quarters of data, so Blake is analyzing the data in preparation for Len and Rosa's conversation with the CDC. We are seeking their input to determine whether our PCR stratification and SIR-based diamond methodology sufficiently accounts for the variability in our incidence estimates.

- **Seek American Hospital Association input on Medicare CDI methods** (Gina) – pending

The group deferred discussion of CDI action items until the agenda item, below.

- **Discuss CDI Lab ID requirement** (Subcommittee) – pending (below)

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- **Continue surveying lab directors about MDR-GNB methods** (Nicole/Margaret) – pending

Nicole, Cindy and Margaret reported back they've received the Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Bacilli (MDR-GNB) survey back from the laboratory directors (results shared at the last meeting). Cindy explained to the group that there was a great deal of variation in the testing and was happy to announce the FDA has just adopted a method using CLSI breaking points which the testing manufacturer will have to utilize and adjust their equipment to these levels.

Since the first survey, Cindy, Nicole and others have compiled an 8-question survey to follow up more specifically on Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) infection. The goal with both surveys is to see how much variation there is in how surveillance is conducted, so that we can better assess whether or not to publicly report these data. Results to date indicate significant variation, but are providing HEALTH with better information about what lab directors are currently doing and can inform state surveillance efforts.

The second survey will allow the group to determine how lab directors are conducting CRE surveillance. According to Nicole, this is the first of its kind survey and each state has to figure it out independently. Presently CRE is not reportable to HEALTH; however, Janet confirmed that East Side Clinical Lab does report all cases.

- **Update the Rhode Island HAI Plan** (Rosa/Sam) – pending

This is ongoing as part of the work that HEALTH is doing to report to the CDC on the state's progress, and will be discussed at a later meeting when there is sufficient time, since it is not time sensitive.

8:15am **CDI Reporting Methods**

Rosa Baier, MPH

- The group discussed the *C. Difficile* reporting methodology, briefly discussing the three options available:
 - NHSN infection rates (previous decision)
 - NSHN Lab ID (aligns with CMS)

- Hospital Discharge Data Set data

Each method has positives and negatives, and the group has to collectively determine how to weigh these considerations to determine how to proceed. Overall, our goal remains to publicly release data that inform consumer decision making while aligning with national efforts, when possible and desirable, and minimizing the burden for hospital staff.

- The group briefly discussed CMS’s plans, noting the Lab ID data collection is slated to begin in July 2012, but that public reporting has not been publicly discussed and could be as long as a year later. Maureen will see if she can determine what CMS’s plans are for public reporting.
- In the interim, the subcommittee needs to determine whether to proceed with CDI data collection while hospitals begin reporting Lab ID. This sounds like it might be preferable, since most hospitals will want to continue to trend CDI and/or compare CDI against Lab ID initially. We also hope to provide actionable feedback to the CDC and CMS about the Lab ID methodology, so contrasting the two methods may be helpful.
- The group will make a formal recommendation at the June meeting, in advance of the July start for Lab ID data collection. In the meantime, Rosa and Len will continue the conversations with the CDC about the CDI reporting methods and hope to be able to release a public report using data accrued to date, even if the group recommends switching to Lab ID in the future.

8:40am **National Action Plan to Eliminate HAI**

Pat Mastors

- Pat asked the group to review the “National Action Plan to Prevent HAIs: Roadmap to Elimination,” help her with a letter that she plans to write in support and consider submitting a letter from the committee. Comments are due June 25, 2012. She talked about the importance of ensuring that the public understands and accesses the information available to them, which can be hard to find and interpret.
- The group had not read the draft National Action Plan, but provided some high-level thoughts highlighting the importance of alignment across the HHS agencies (CMS, CDC, etc.) and with the state HAI plans. For next steps, Pat will share the links to the draft National Action Plan, then Rosa will schedule a call for the group to discuss the content and make a decision about submitting a letter to inform the final version.
- (After the meeting, Pat provided links for more information. HHS is soliciting public comments on the draft National Action Plan to Eliminate HAIs via the [Federal Register](#). That notice describes the National Action Plan and provides a link to the [current draft](#).)
- Pat also shared that Senator Whitehouse invited her to be one of 12 patient advocates to take part in the inaugural meeting of the Medicare’s Patient and Family Engagement (PFE) Network, which is part of the Partnership for Patients. She wanted to let the group know and solicit input.

8:55am **Open Forum & Action Items**

Rosa Baier, MPH

- **Action Items:**
 - Share *Rules and Regulations* public hearing date (Rosa/Sam)
 - Investigate required documentation for flu vaccination (Rosa)
 - Follow-up with the CDC with five quarters of data (Len/Rosa)

- Survey lab directors about CRE methods (Nicole/Margaret)
 - Determine when CMS plans to report CDI using Lab ID (Maureen)
 - Review the National Action Plan to Eliminate HAI (Subcommittee)
 - Schedule a call to discuss the National Action Plan to Eliminate HAI (Rosa)
 - Share HHS's [call for public comments](#) and draft [National Action Plan](#) (Pat)
 - Provide input on Pat's letter to HHS re: the National Action Plan (Rosa)
 - Consider submitting a letter to HHS re: the National Action Plan (Subcommittee)
- **Next meeting:** 6/18/12 at Healthcentric Advisors