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Healthcare Quality Reporting Program

NURSING HOME SUBCOMMITTEE

3-4 pm, December 16, 2014
RICHA, 57 Kilvert St, Warwick, RI 02886

1. Welcome & today's meeting objectives (3pm)

- Meeting chair: G. Patry
- Program staff: E. Cooper, A. Messier, T. Mota, S. Viner-Brown
- Meeting attendees: D. Gallagher, B. James, J. Nyburg, I. Philbrick, J. Robinson
- **Staffing Changes**

As shared in a previous email, Rosa has accepted a position directing a new research center at Brown, focusing on nursing home innovation. The new research center will identify nursing home innovations across the country and then test and disseminate them nationally using AHCA's nursing home network.

The team is planning for as seamless a transition as possible. Sam and Emily will be the primary points of contact for the program, and will be joined by Terri Mota, of Healthcentric Advisors.

Terri has been with Healthcentric Advisors for 12 years, is a Registered Nurse, and serves as a nursing home (NH) subject matter expert for CMS's NH Quality Measure Development and Maintenance and Symptom Management contracts. She brings her expertise in long-term care, quality measurement, patient assessment tools, and stakeholder engagement to the project.

2. Previous meeting's action items (3:05pm)

- Provide feedback on the flu vaccination reports to the Immunization Program (Emily/Sam) – **In progress**
- Create aggregate trend reports for HCW flu vaccination data (Emily) – **Complete**

3. Update: Task Force for Antimicrobial Stewardship and Environmental Infection Control (3:10pm)

- *Task force's charge*

In response to our 51/51 ranking in C. difficile LabID events on Hospital Compare, Dr. Fine convened a taskforce for Antimicrobial Stewardship and Environmental Infection Control. This group is providing recommendations to HEALTH re: antimicrobial stewardship and environmental cleaning in hospitals and long-term care facilities. The task force has submitted recommendations and has administered surveys to both the Acute-care and long-term-care facilities in the state.

- *Data from nursing homes (final) and hospitals (preliminary)*

The surveys were based on the CDC Core Elements Checklist and the Advancing Excellence Survey, respectively. The data from these surveys will be used to inform the work of the task



force moving forward. The nursing home survey is closed, and that data is complete. The hospital survey is open until 12/19, so those data are still preliminary.

- *Discussion themes included*

In reviewing the data the group discussed the need to more closely explore some of the results. It is clear from the data that there is a need for more support for antimicrobial stewardship in nursing homes including education, the development of policies and the create of standardized resources.

Janet updated the group on the current work of the Task Force. She reported that she is currently the only representative from Long-Term Care at the Task Force meetings. She would like the Task Force to include more representatives from LTC, including infection prevention physicians, medical directors, pharmacists and other LTC groups. The group agreed that is important that any guidelines created by the Task Force account for the different resources and capabilities. The group also discussed the importance of taking into consideration the different culture of nursing homes as compared to acute-care facilities.

4. Program updates (3:35am)

- *Aggregate healthcare worker flu vaccination data (handout)*

Emily reviewed the aggregate healthcare worker flu vaccination data. After this data is reviewed with the Immunization program it will be posted on the public reporting pages of the HEALTH website.

The group discussed whether it would be possible to look at absenteeism data for healthcare workers, as it would be interesting to compare to the increase in HCW flu vaccination. Sam mentioned that HEALTH is looking at the data they have access to (school absenteeism, state employee absenteeism) to make similar comparisons, but they do not have access to that data for HCWs.

- *Resident and family satisfaction surveys:*

The 2014 Nursing Home Satisfaction Survey is now closed. The survey company is compiling the data. We will share that data with the subcommittee when it is available. MIV hosted a webinar this past Friday to review with facilities what data will be available and how to make it actionable for their facilities.

5. Open forum & next steps (3:55pm)

- *2015 Meeting dates (unless noted, meetings are the 3rd Tuesdays at **Healthcentric Advisors**)*

- February 17
- April 21
- June 16
- August 18
- October 20
- December 15 (location TBD)



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6. Action Items

- Share satisfaction survey data, when available (Emily)
- Meet with Immunization Program to discuss HCW flu vaccination data (Emily/Sam/Terri)
- Share information from the Task Force for Antimicrobial Stewardship and Environmental Infection Control, as available (Emily/Terri)

Next Meeting: February 17, 2014 at Healthcentric Advisors