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HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

8-9am, August 17, 2015
Healthcentric Advisors, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 500

1. **Welcome & today's meeting objectives (8am)**
   - Meeting chairs: S. Viner-Brown
   - Program staff: E. Cooper, T. Mota
   - Voting members in attendance (8/19): N. Alexander-Scott, U. Bandy, M. Fishman, L. McDonald, R. Neale, S. Turner, J. Robinson, C. Vanner
   - Members in attendance: D. Lewis, A. Mihalakos
   - Other attendees: R. Reece, L. Martino, P. Winderman

2. **AMS Task Force Update (8:05am)**
   - *Dr. Alexander-Scott to introduce Dr. Reece*
     Dr. Alexander-Scott introduced Dr. Rebecca Reece to the HAI Subcommittee. Dr. Reece will be taking over as the Chair of the Antimicrobial Stewardship and Environmental Cleaning (AMSEC) Task Force. Dr. Alexander-Scott added that she appreciates and supports the work being done by both the HAI Subcommittee and the AMSEC Taskforce.

3. **Review of the previous meeting's action items (8:15am)**
   - Send any additional feedback on the Ebola Assessment Tool, first round of stress tests and upcoming assessments to Alysia Mihalakos (Alysia.Mihalakos@health.ri.gov) (All) – Complete

     Alysia gave an update on the hospital assessment process. CEPR reviewed the feedback that this committee provided at our last meeting. This has been incorporated into the procedures for the next round of assessments (dates TBD). There will be separate tools for frontline vs. assessment hospitals.

     The assessment hospitals in Rhode Island will be Rhode Island Hospital and Women and Infants. Women and Infants will be the primary assessment hospital for pregnant women and will also take any patients that RIH is not able to care for. The state is also in the process of contracting with two commercial EMS companies who will be responsible for transport between facilities.

4. **HAI State Plan (8:25am)**
   - *Review draft plan (handout)*
     The group reviewed the current draft of the State HAI Plan. Emily explained that this plan was created using a very specific template supplied by the CDC. This template is based on the work outlined in the ELC and ELC Ebola Supplemental grants. The group discussed various aspects of the draft, including:
     - Align language, particularly in reference to surveys and stakeholders
     - Clarify Maureen's role with ICPSNE

- Remove the reference to CurrentCare as a method of reporting or collecting HAI data in the state
- Include reference to NHSN as a method of reporting or collecting HAI data in the state
- Clarify that IPs are only sharing certain results with the State Epidemiologist
- Correction: ~~state's epidemiologists~~ State Epidemiologist
- Clarify our plans for NHSN use in nursing homes (provide education but not enforce use)
- Include possibility of additional/alternate infection prevention training for nursing homes (where NHSN training is mentioned)
- Highlight that all RI acute care hospitals are included in our work
- Include reference to community participation on HAI Subcommittee

5. Open forum & next steps (8:55am)

- *HCQP Hand hygiene policy*
  The Steering Committee has decided to forgo the development of a hand hygiene measurement program due to existing oversight, logistical concerns and limited program resources. In order to reiterate this programs belief in the importance of hand hygiene, the Steering Committee has asked that the HAI Subcommittee draft a Hand Hygiene Policy. This would include direction to facilities about hand hygiene policies and measurement and trigger points at which facilities would be asked to submit related data to the program. **The group agreed to schedule an ad hoc meeting for September to begin discussing this policy. The date for this meeting is TBD.**
- *AMS Surveys*
  With funding from a grant from the CDC we will be able to re-administer the hospital and nursing home AMS surveys this fall. We will be discussing the survey instruments at our October meeting. Robin asked if there were any acute-care Infection Preventionists included on the AMSEC Taskforce. Dr. Reece noted that there currently are not, but that she will look into including them at future meetings.

6. Action Items

- Update State HAI Plan based on discussion (Emily)
- Schedule ad hoc meeting for September (Emily)

Next Meeting:
September TBD (ad hoc)
October 19, 2015 (scheduled)