



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**

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

**Time Topic/Notes**

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| 8:00am | <p><b>Welcome &amp; Administrative Updates</b><br/> <i>Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM</i><br/> <i>Samara Viner-Brown, MS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Today’s objectives</li> <li>- Previous meeting’s action items:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask Dr. Fine about discussing PCR testing with the hospital CEOs (Sam)</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for hospital IPs to educate nursing homes (Rosa)</li> <li>• Share <i>Rules and Regulations</i> public hearing date, when scheduled (Rosa/Sam)</li> <li>• Investigate required documentation for flu vaccination (Rosa)</li> <li>• Follow-up with the CDC with five quarters of data (Len/Rosa)</li> <li>• Seek the American Hospital Association’s input on Medicare CDI methods (Gina)</li> <li>• Discuss CDI Lab ID requirement (Subcommittee)</li> <li>• Continue surveying lab directors about MDR-GNB methods (Nicole/Margaret)</li> <li>• Update the Rhode Island HAI Plan (Rosa/Sam)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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- 8:15am     **CDI Reporting Methods**  
*Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM*  
*Rosa Baier, MPH*
- Upcoming CMS requirement
  - Discuss what will work best for public reporting:
    - NHSN infection rates (previous decision)
    - NSHN Lab ID (align with CMS)
    - Hospital Discharge Data Set data
- 8:40am     **National Action Plan to Eliminate HAI**  
*Pat Mastors*
- Review Plan
  - Discuss submitting a group letter
- 8:55       **Open Forum & Action Items**  
*Rosa Baier, MPH*
- Action items
  - Next meeting: 6/18/12 at Healthcentric Advisors

Pat Masters request you review this prior to our HAI Subcommittee meeting on Monday may 21,2012

I've been invited by Sen. Whitehouse's office to submit feedback on the below:

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) posted online today an updated National Action Plan to eliminate healthcare-associated infections for public comment. The update confirms progress in the effort to make healthcare safer and less costly by reducing preventable complications of care, including healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

Given fed. report released Thursday that C-diff remains a big problem, I would think studies like those suggested below should have started yesterday :) As discussed after last meeting, I also think the federal government (NHSN?) needs to establish more consistent and useful guidelines for reporting on and managing C-diff and other HAIs. Plus I would like your thoughts on gram-negative and pan-resistant organisms - what is the role of public health in addressing this emerging threat?