



Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee  
 March 22, 2019 9:30AM-Noon Minutes  
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I. Call to order	
Kelly Gardner, Chair, called meeting to order at 9:35	
II. Approval of minutes	
Motion was made and carried to approve December 2019 Minutes as written.	
III. Introduce Camille Moreno Gorrin, new Head of Office of Infectious Disease. (Epidemiologist III)	
Camille was unable to attend.	
IV. Continued/Ongoing Business	
a. CRE - Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae – Greg Hovan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for continuing to send samples. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Since 1/1/17 a total of 707 have been tested; 72 tested since last meeting (December 7, 2018).</li> <li>○ one NDM, (new Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase) case was identified, with no obvious risk factors, including travel. Only 3<sup>rd</sup> case in Delaware. Colonization testing was conducted and no additional cases were identified. Two Candida glabrata cases have been identified but no Candida auris.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Working with Deb Rutledge and other facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New technology</li> <li>○ Explore changing organisms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sent to Greg for review
b. Quality Insights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of Work ends July 19, 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No agreement on contract at this time</li> <li>○ Antibiotics and Care-coordination</li> <li>○ Waiting on RFP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
c. National APIC Meeting, Philadelphia, June 12-14	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed under New Business</li> </ul>	Attendees will discuss major take aways at the next meeting
d. Health Alert Notices-	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philadelphia Dept. of Public Health Recommendations to Manage Travelers -</li> </ul>	Sent to HAIAC on March 21.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC-HepA conference call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hep A in daycare employee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Preparedness</li> </ul>	No report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Numbers of cases going down; Peak reached week 8 (February 17 - 23, 2019)</li> <li>○ Christiana Care continues flu vaccination</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were more A:H1N1 than A:H3N2 this year when compared with other years.</li> <li>○ Also, this year so far only 3% of cases are influenza B's, much less than in previous years. Prevalence type B indicates season winding down.</li> <li>○ Approximately same number of cases in each county, with Sussex highest number.</li> <li>○ 19 deaths so far in 2018-2019 season; 35 in 2017-2018 Flu Season</li> <li>○ In reply to question 'are seasons lasting longer' the answer was that the seasons are starting earlier, 2019 began 2 weeks earlier than past years.</li> <li>○ Number of Outbreaks to date: 19 flu/respiratory, 15 norovirus</li> <li>○ DPH is learning late of long-term-care outbreaks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Per State of Delaware Regulation, two or more cases constitute an outbreak and should be reported to DPH and DLTCRP.</li> <li>● Yrene – more education of staff needed due to high turnover rates.</li> <li>● LTC is not allowing visitors and quarantining sick patients when an outbreak occurs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Donna Anderson noted that CDC offers Infection Prevention in LTC facilities course. This is a Phase 3 requirement.</li> </ul>	
<p>e. Emerging Infectious Disease</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hepatitis A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No outbreaks in Delaware</li> <li>○ Vaccination continues in Shelters and Drug-treatment centers</li> <li>○ Delaware already doing initiatives of other states</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vaccination deployment also in EDs.</li> </ul>	
<p>f. Probably added to intake due to impact of poultry industry in Delaware. No need to continue asking, but keep as a 'hidden' question should need arise.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EID screening tool – no requirement from DPH.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mumps at Temple University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is origin of mumps cases?</li> <li>○ Do they vaccinate in country of student's origin?</li> <li>○ Mumps is common on college campuses, booster recommended. APIC recommends 3<sup>rd</sup> MMR.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Measles cases are usually imported.</li> <li>● Rene Tomczak inquired if vaccination is a college requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No requirement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recent story in the news about Chicken Pox parties, called “Zoster Parties”. These are not recommended since it puts people at risk for shingles later in life. Need to inform public</li> <li>g. Some states forbid, but how can that be enforced?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Regulation of Urgent Care Facilities – Mary Peterson</li> </ul>	Needs regulation change and funding—see discussion below under Regulations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Interagency Transfer Form – Megan Williams, Mary Peterson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stakeholder and community groups</li> <li>● Pilot at LTC, BayHealth, and Beebe, not yet to CCHS.</li> <li>● Only a few weeks in at meeting date, reviewing use, need more data to judge effectiveness.</li> <li>● Is education being done?</li> <li>● Form is in statute.</li> <li>● Use across provider types.</li> <li>● CCHS has seen resurgence of MRSA screening before patient returns to LTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not national policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yrene asked for conference call with Marci Drees, Mary Peterson, Corinna Getchell, and herself to clarify.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	To update status of trial next meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Subcommittee Reports</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>j. Regulations</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee Update</li> </ul>	
<p>Recommendations for changes</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urgent Care Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some legislators are interested and drafting a proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Still in early phase</li> <li>● Sticking point is funding to monitor the statute.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Current pay scale would not be enough to compensate for education and experience needed to evaluate compliance with statute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What can HAIAC do to help?</li> <li>● State has hired a nurse consultant to review salaries.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Legislation proposed would cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urgent care/doc in a box/medical aid /walk in care facilities with extended hours and private doctors also</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Office based surgery must be accredited</li> <li>● If hospital receives patients who have received</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>inappropriate Office Based Surgery/IV sedation, this must be reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Professional Regulation and Medical Society of Delaware on opportunities for education – maybe work through Office Managers? CDC courses may be available?</li> <li>○ Results of survey highlight vacancies in LTC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• educators to students ratio is unsatisfactory</li> <li>• need more time to fulfill education requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to amend regulations? No, Regulations say follow CMS. Requirement</li> <li>○ Dept of Corrections (DOC) infirmary reports? These aren't reported to NHSN.</li> <li>○ Regulations regarding DOC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contracted medical providers reports</li> <li>▪ How does HAIAC get report to evaluate? Anneke (DOC) will refresh and send report to K. Wroten.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Kathy will reach out to DOC to see what is reported—possibly Awe or Anneke can update</p>
<p>k. Membership</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee Update Donna Anderson will reach out to inactive members.</li> </ul>	
<p>l. Prevention</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee Update</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Antimicrobial stewardship <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working on goals for EBright</li> <li>2. April 24 is next subcommittee meeting</li> <li>3. Needs to know how much money the subcommittee has to spend <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mexis' former position in hiring process.</li> <li>b. Mexis proposals were not funded by CDC(project or personnel)</li> <li>c. Current CDC grant cycle ends July 31</li> <li>d. New funding, if available, will require progress reports from hospitals.</li> <li>e. Dr. Hong will review available dollars to market and spend by July 31 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Last year's AS funding for five hospitals was used as each hospital required</li> <li>ii. Grant submission for next five-year funding cycle for CDC's ELC (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity) grant is due April 24</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

m.	Reports/Communications	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HAIAC Website</li> </ul>	
i.	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016-2018 trends</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter posted to website</li> </ul> <p>Membership list updated on website</p>	
ii.	Status of Success Stories needed for CDC grant proposal and DPH HAI website.	
	New Business	<p><del>Judy will check funding</del> No funding</p> <p>Hospitals to send their wish list to Dr. Hong. Wish list requests did not fit with CDC's guidance of grant-related activities for funding.</p>
a.	<p>Communication Challenges to medical community during outbreaks, Dr. R. Hong. Looking for suggestions-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCHS has system to gear notifications to specific groups</li> <li>Can use different medical associations for further communication.</li> <li>Let groups suggest best communication methods</li> <li>Different processes depend on population – daycare, elderly, etc.</li> <li>Consensus that more information is better than too little.</li> <li>HAIAC (all present) agree that all want notifications</li> </ol>	
n.	Are ID doctors signed up for HAN?	
ii.	Immunization Coalition – Dr. Eppes	Deferred until next meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National APIC Meeting, Philadelphia, June 12-14</li> </ul>	
b.	<p>Joint Commission Survey (JCS)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bay Health Sussex Campus: 5 citations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70% get revisit of all hospitals surveyed</li> <li>Part of problem is staff turnover, challenge is to maintain consistent staffing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous education needs</li> <li>Posted job aids.</li> <li>Better to have more general guidelines than very prescriptive.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Judy will resend format Didn't do it
iii.	St. Francis- no Hand hygiene findings during JCS, however during CMS there were heavy hits in Hand Hygiene.	
V.	New grant funding initiatives tied to hospital acquired infections – Greg Hovan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New grant funding initiatives tied to hospital-acquired infections – Greg Hovan We are exploring new initiatives, including utilizing whole genome sequencing (WGS) for resistance/virulence markers and surveillance,</li> </ul>	

<p>as well as funding for new antibiotic testing. What we propose depends on the needs of HAIAC and hospital laboratories for what outbreaks they are seeing (ie. invasive MRSA, Grp. A Strep, C. diff, etc.) or a specific clientele.</p> <p>2. The application is Due in April 19, need input from HAIAC no later than April 5.</p>	
c. Open Discussion	
<p>1. TB Conference</p> <p>a. 2018 – 22 cases; 2017 – 15 cases</p> <p>b. 1 of 20 states have increased numbers of cases</p> <p>c. No cases under 5 years old.</p> <p>d. By requirement, latent cases are not reported.</p> <p>d. No providers treat TB; all treatment is through Division of Public Health.</p>	Will discuss by members that attend at June Meeting
1.	
e. Adjournment 11:24	

HAIAC MEETING ACCESS AND LOCATION

- Telephone Conference connection is available for all meetings from any location.  
Telephone Conference System:  
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**Approved 2019 HAIAC Meeting Dates –**  
**March 22 & June 28**  
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