

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, 9:30 AM  
 JESSE COOPER BUILDING, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

<b>Present</b>		<b>Absent</b>
Location		
C	Aleshia Johny	
	Anderson, Donna	Chua, Joel, MD
V	Dennis, Michele	Eppes, Stephen
	Devereaux, Valerie	Watson, Floetta
C	Drees, Marci, MD	
C	Eckart, Maria	
C	Gardner, Kelly, RN CIC	
	Hamid, Ehtesham	
V-NC	Hasse, Joann	
C	Johnson, Brenda	
V-NC	Maduka-Ezeh, Awele	
T	Mulhern, Thomas, E., MBA, CASC	
C	Offutt-Powell, Tabatha	
T	Sherman, Eileen	
C	Stipe, Jean	
V	Waldron, Yrene	
C	Wroten, Kathleen	
<b>DPH</b>		
C	Luta, Lucy	
C	Mihok, Suzanne	
	Silverman, Paul	
	Amanda Bundek	
C	Zod, Becca	
<b>Non-members</b>		
C	Townsend, Terry, sitting in for Sally Jennings	Peterson, Mary – DHSS Long Term Care Resident Protection
	Wilkins, Tracy - Department of Corrections	Esry, Dianne – Quality Member, LTAC (Select Specialty)
<b>Affiliations – vacant:</b>		
Academic Researchers		Health Insurer
Organized Labor		Health Maintenance Organization
Purchaser of Health Insurance		Dialysis

Location: C – Cooper  
 T – Conference Call  
 V – Video; - NC-New Castle, -G - Georgetown

- I. Call to order, Kelly Gardner called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM, September 27, 2013.
- II. Approval of minutes. Kelly motioned to approve June 28<sup>th</sup> HAIAC minutes, motion approved.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Flu Vaccination Rates—strategies for improvement
    - i. Kelly - knows needs a plan to best utilize Staff, Resources, and increase compliance in the community. Christiana Hospital could serve as a model for state in future, but need to keep in mind flexibility and spontaneity with staffing, resources, supplies to respond to unexpected events.
    - ii. Anita Muir supplied a list of flu clinics – it does not include Smyrna which was a hotbed for flu last year, only one location in Kent County – Oct 4 in Dover.
    - iii. Request came for a standard flu poster showing flu clinic locations, to be available online through website, downloadable for use by health care providers. Tabatha will work with OHRC
    - iv. Joann brought up article from newspaper that reports CDC report indicates that flu vaccine ‘barely’ worked on people age 65+ and suggest need to counter/refute misleading information. Marci states that other info to be released soon will show vaccine is more effective than previous reports.
  - b. Conferring rights to Tabatha for CAUTI
    - i. Tabatha having technical problems with NHSN on the LTAC, working through these problems.
    - ii. Tabatha working on 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter reports – data/info issues have been resolved, 1<sup>st</sup> Q report is complete and will be posted on the website soon.
    - iii. Kelly commented on the public website, that information is accessible, clear, user friendly.
  - c. Survey Monkey survey for Dialysis
    - i. Tabatha gave overview of results of Draft Summary of Free-standing Out-patient Dialysis Center Economic Impact survey – a copy is attached to the minutes.
    - ii. Tabatha will contact other dialysis centers through infection prevention at hospitals (those not already surveyed) to complete the survey
      1. A challenge is how dialysis centers are listed on the CMS – for example: Bayhealth has two codes to identify and distinguish in-patient and out-patient dialysis, whereas Christiana has only 1 code used to identify both in-patients and out-patients.
  - d. Here are the links for minutes to recommendations to antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dental procedures in patients with implants. The links are to the American Dental Association (ADA) web page which speaks to the 2012 guidelines made in conjunction with the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) as well as one to the AAOS.
    - i. Links:
      1. <http://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/j/joint-replacement>
      2. <http://newsroom.aaos.org/media-resources/Press-releases/evidence-insufficient-to-recommend-routine-antibiotics-for-joint-replacement-patients-who-undergo-dental->

[procedures.htm](#)

- e. Status of video conferencing
  - 1. Problems with connecting today, seven reports that "conference had reached its maximum capacity" when only the video locations and 2 other callers had connected (total 5). *UPDATE – OCT 2013 -- The telephone conference was set up with only 3 lines to accommodate the 3 video stations. In the future, I must be clear that there will be multiple callers not associated with the video conference, to allow for at least 25 on the telephone conference call lines.*

#### IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Regulations – Kathy Wroten
  - i. Working on minor changes to bylaws to correspond to changes to HAI Regulations.
  - ii. Membership – has new members
- b. Reports – Marci Drees
  - i. Membership – has not held a meeting, has 2 potential new members for dialysis
  - ii. Suggests there is quite a bit of overlap between things she is working on and that of Communication Subcommittee, suggests combine the 2 Subcommittees (Reports and Communications) to one subcommittee and co-chair for leadership.
    - 1. Kelly moved to vote to approve
    - 2. Marie Eckart second
    - 3. Vote passed.
- c. Communications – Tabatha Offutt-Powell
  - i. Membership – introduced Becca Zed
  - ii. Physician Reporting – Marci working on time frame to report, Dr. Silverman to have contacted Dr. Chua.
    - 1. Yrene would like a copy of the Physician's Report to send to the Medical Society of Delaware. Kelly offered draft of communication to Yrene, Yrene will contact Tabatha to send to Medical Society of Delaware – may increase participation on the HAIAC
  - iii. Website – Becca has been working on the website, reviewing Delaware and other states' content
- d. Membership – Yrene Waldron
  - i. Membership – Yrene reports that Dr. Hamid has been working to recruit dialysis physicians - would they fill state code required slots – Kelly ok
  - ii. Update – will send subcommittee member update
- e. Prevention – Eileen Sherman
  - i. Membership –has 10 members – long term care, nursing homes, hospitals, working with upstate for members.
    - 1. Keeping in mind to reach out to unrepresented, try to garner participation: dialysis, long term care, surgery centers, others.

- ii. Update – add DE hospital #
- iii. Wants to publish members online
- iv. Has Quality Insights of Delaware as a member

f. Subcommittee Chairs to send list of their members to Suzanne by Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to update member list. Suzanne will send out by Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. New Business

- a. Quality Insights, Terry Townsend working on Winter 2013/14 conference
  - i. Need face to face meeting/conference target December/January
    - 1. Yrene suggests to hold off till January, get through huge changes regarding Access to Care (Obama-Care) and holiday season
  - ii. Requests suggestions for speakers at conference
  - iii. Requests feedback for topics to cover
    - 1. Last year MRSA, CDI, Norovirus
    - 2. Suggestions –
      - a. Environmental Services
      - b. Long Term Care related to survey tags often cited
        - i. Yrene suggests Terry contact Mary Peterson, then the three get together to discuss
      - c. Technology and Patient Care – increased use of technology at the bedside (pads and tablets for documentation) leads to questions of cleaning and transmission
        - i. Marie – Patient space redefined by use of technological tools – is equip cleaning friendly
          - 1. How to protect – plastic sheaths, cleaning products, vaporizing, UV lights
          - 2. Good opportunity to be proactive, set the standard now
      - d. Isolation Procedures
- iv. Audience
  - 1. Anyone that needs education
  - 2. Vary content to fit all sectors, changing needs of healthcare: hospital of yesterday = long term care facility today; hospital of today = shock/trauma center of yesterday
  - 3. All topics applicable to all areas of healthcare, education
  - 4. Yrene suggest bring Group Home leadership to conference as well as acute care, LTC, hospitals – all levels of health care continuum should be present at conference.
  - 5. Tabatha offered HAI quarterly reports to make conference specific to Delaware where possible.
- v. Time
  - 1. Kelly suggested that Terry work on agenda, and to let that guide the timeline.
  - 2. Suggestion to avoid becoming bogged down on areas specific to only one healthcare setting
    - a. have some brief courses (20 minutes) on specific items
    - b. longer presentations (1 hour) on more general topics.
- vi. Planning
  - 1. Suggestion for Terry to work with Eileen from Prevention subcommittee to begin

VI. Open Discussion

- a. Suggestion that whenever someone begins speaking to identify self and affiliation for those present by phone and video
- b. Next meeting scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> – request to change to 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in December.
- c. CMS measures for 2014/15
  - i. Change in definition and who must report
    1. Healthcare workers requiring flu vaccine/tracking definition changed from person that worked thirty (30) days to person that worked one (1) day in paid or volunteer capacity

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Gardner  
(Chairperson)

Suzanne Mihok  
(Recorder)

Attachments: Tabatha - Economic Impact Survey

Kelly – articles regarding Prophylactic treatment –

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