

**Antibiotic Stewardship/Antibiotic Resistance
HAI Advisory Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
November 14, 2024
10:00 – 11:00 AM**

Voting Members Present

Ethan Smith (Chair), Arianna Longley, Bridget Olson, Carole Moss, David Ha, Matt Zahn, Phil Robinson, Francesca Torriani

Voting Members Absent

Margaret Marlett, Nicole McNeil

HAI Program Staff Present

Jane Kriengkauyiat, Becca Czerny, Jessica Webster

Subject Matter Expert(s) Present

Zackary Rubin, MD, Wendy Knight, Janet Hindler

Meeting started at 10:03 AM. Voting members approved the August 29, 2024, meeting summary.

Item 1. Honor Roll Updates

CDC's approach to Antibiotic Awareness Week is focus on One Health. The connection between people and animals on the planet. An updated ASR newsletter is published by the HAI Program. This issue features strategies to address asymptomatic bacteria and suspected UTIs; highlights on regional MDR prevention activities and AS projects. An update to the HAI Program Antibiotic Awareness Week webpage was made. A survey on ASCM listserv to get facilities' input on what they're doing to celebrate Antibiotic Awareness Week and how they are educating their providers and patients was completed.

Feedback is requested from the subcommittee regarding core elements related to education. The subcommittee suggest short educational pod casts. CDPH shared the dashboard update. There will be an internal and external dashboard. The external dashboard will have the NHSN AUR information and designation from the Honor Roll.

Users will be able to compare by bed size and facilities will have unique identifiers to keep confidentiality. Feedback from the facilities regarding functionality will be requested. A pilot will go out early 2025.

Item 2. NHSN AU Visualization Tool

No time for discussion.

Item 3. Micro Lab Outreach

The guest speakers reviewed the lab survey that LA County sent out, how many labs there are in LA County and where they should be as far as updated breakpoints. The survey asked about carbapenemase testing. Surveys were sent a few years ago for breakpoint updates and most facilities say they are using the updated breakpoints. Fluoroquinolone breakpoints are the more critical ones. The microbiology testing is done by outside a laboratory. The skilled nursing facilities and physicians may not see the official report. More education to physicians that take care of skilled nursing facilities can be done to move towards a more modern practice. Labs do not have the resources but it's important for patient care. Understanding the reports that are highly complex and not collated for the public use there should be a separate resource for the physicians. There isn't a clear picture of where things are and changing to a new system can be a huge resource investment for laboratories.

The subcommittee suggested a motion to CDPH to begin a phased-in education approach survey. Sending a document letting them know what is coming and collect the information of what is old, new or out of date. Review the risks, create a gap chart and bring in separate phased processes. The subcommittee ask the SME to share the carbapenem survey sent to LA county facilities with the breakpoints to review the questions for guidance with the motion.

Item 4. Review Action Items and Proposed Agenda Topics for Future Meetings

Rapid testing in the hospital approved by FDA to stop overusing antibiotics.

Next meeting date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM