

**Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**March 14, 2024**  
**Video Conference**

**Voting Members Present**

Ariana Longley, Carole Moss, Carolyn Caughell, Deksha Taneja, Deborah Ellis, Ethan Smith, Jorge Salinas, Lorene Campbell, Michael Vollmer, Michele Lampshire, Mindy Sampson, Robert Enteen, Zachary Rubin (Chair),

**Voting Members Absent**

Francesca Torriani

**Liaison Members Present**

Michael Butera-CMA

**Liaison Members Absent**

Howard Pitluck-QIN/HSAG, Louise McNitt-CPICD, Kathy Dennis-CAN, Trina Gonzalez-CHA,

**Center Staff Present**

Chelsea Driscoll

**Department Staff**

Erin Epon, Julie Stoltey, Lanette Corona, Satya Keshav, Alejandro Gonzalez, Deweese Quigley, Margaret Turner, Barbara Allen, Jane Kriengkauykiat, Rebeca Elliott, Jane Siegel, Sujit Vettam, Becca Czerny, Tracy Lanier, Liz Mason, Sydney Loewen, Anisah Alshiekh, Pearlle Beltran, Diana Holden, Mushfika Maknun, Lana Sato, Shannon Malindzak, Myesha Febres, Jon Rosenberg, Lian Hsiao, Andrea Parriott, Erin Garcia, Lynn Janssen, Tisha Mitsunaga, Kiya Komaiko, Idamae Kennedy, Allison Bailey, Sophie Frank, Hosniyeh Bagheri, Teresa Nelson, Josie Williams, Diana Ortiz-Kennedy

**Call to order, introductions, and review meeting requirements.**

Chair, Zachary Rubin, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

**Item 1. Approve the December 14, 2023, meeting summary.**

Meeting summary approved.

**Item 2. Public Story**

Advisory Committee member Carole Moss shared her son, Niles, experience and the information regarding the Nile's Foundation.

### Item 3. CDPH HAI Program Updates

An introduction to the legislative mandate was provided for the new members added to the committee, explaining the purpose of the HAI Advisory Committee to make recommendations to CDPH on healthcare-associated infection for Prevention, Surveillance and Public reporting.

#### **CDPH HAI Program Roles and Scope**

The CDPH HAI Program is a **non-regulatory** program that provides **consultation and technical assistance** to healthcare facilities and local health departments regarding HAI and antimicrobial resistance (AR) prevention, surveillance, response, and reporting. The HAI Program is separate from the CDPH Licensing and Certification (L&C) Program, which ensures compliance with state licensing laws and federal certification regulations as the state survey agency for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### **Annual Reports – Process Improvement**

The CDPH HAI Program is developing a new streamlined, consolidated report format incorporating executive summary, interactive map, statewide and individual hospital profiles. They have engaged a communications consulting firm to conduct focus groups among members of the public to gain insights into:

- If, how and where they seek information on HAI/AR for themselves or a person in their lives for whom they make or contribute to healthcare decisions.
- Usefulness, understandability, and functionality of HAI Program websites and reports, including interactive map and profiles.

The communications consultant recommendations based on the focus group findings will be incorporated into the new report format.

#### **CLABSI Reduction Initiative**

After 5 years of decreases, CLABSI incidence significantly and substantially increased during second half of 2020 and remained elevated in 2021. In 2021, the HAI Program invited 54 hospitals with the highest CLABSI incidence or cumulative attributable difference (CAD) in 2021 to participate in a CLABSI reduction initiative. 28 invited hospitals participated and 5 additional interested hospitals.

#### **CLABSI Reduction Initiative Activities: 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> half 2023**

The HAI Program conducted a re-intervention survey. There was an onsite assessment (including adherence monitoring) conducted by HAI IP team members at each selected hospital. Consultation on developing facility-specific HAI reduction plans, and individual follow-up with scheduled check-in and coaching sessions. There were educational webinars and trainings, process measures included findings from onsite assessments, interventions carried out by each

facility (e.g., root cause analysis, prevention activities, staff education), adherence monitoring, surveys. The outcome was measured by CLABSI incidence.

**HAI-AC Input – LTACH BSI Reduction Initiative**

Although CLABSI and MRSA BSI incidence decreased in 2023, statewide and many individual facility SIRs still above goal. Substantial outbreaks of multidrug-resistant organisms, such as *Candida auris*; invasive infection (e.g., CLABSI) are preventable outcome of MDRO transmission. Because BSI are a clinically meaningful and preventable outcome of MDRO transmission in LTACHs, “horizontal” BSI prevention measures will likely have the broadest impact on patient outcomes in this population. CDPH is seeking the HAI Advisory Committees input to help reduce LTACHs BSI.

Subcommittee Report(s)

**Item 4. Antimicrobial Resistance/Stewardship Subcommittee –Ethan Smith, Chair**

The AR/AS subcommittee and new Chair, Ethan Smith are working with the HAI Program to review the Honor Roll program.

New Business

**Item 5. Discuss New Subcommittee(s)**

The committee discussed and decided to be reinstating the Public Reporting/Public Education subcommittee. Carolyn Caughell volunteered to be the chair and several members, Carole Moss, Ariana Longley, Deksha Taneja, Francesca Torriani and Zachary Rubin volunteered to join the committee.

**Item 6. Discuss future meeting agenda items.**

Any suggests, or requests can be emailed to Valerie Sandles.

**The next Advisory Committee meetings is June 11, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.**