

**Antibiotic Stewardship/Antibiotic Resistance
HAI Advisory Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
August 29, 2024**

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

Subject Matter Expert(s) Present

Caitlin Richardson

Meeting started at 10:08AM. Voting members approved the July 11, 2024, meeting summary.

Item 1. Honor Roll Updates

No updates shared at this meeting.

Item 2. Review Final Motion for the September 12, HAI Advisory Committee Meeting

Two motions were discussed for approval to present at the HAI Advisory Committee meeting. One regarding enhanced visibility of CDPH's ASP consultations and the other focused on interventions for potential implementation. The first motion will be reviewed in the next full HAI Committee meeting for implementation. The second motion involved partnering with other facilities and engaging the group for review of proposed educational materials prior to dissemination at the state level. A question was raised about the wording related to urinary symptoms, suggesting it should be general but also include information about new symptoms not necessarily related to infection. The group agreed to this approach.

Item 3. Review Progress of Micro Lab Outreach Motion

The subcommittee explored the challenges and potential solutions for updating breakpoints in laboratory testing, the role of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in providing guidance, and the need for additional resources and external expertise to address these issues. Continued discussion of ongoing issues with breakpoint updates and facilities in counties not using appropriate breakpoints, with about 20 problematic facilities identified. The group agreed on the need to focus on providing resources to labs to update breakpoints in a timely manner, given the complexity of the process and the lab's lack of technical expertise and resources. The members discussed the challenges and potential solutions for updating breakpoints in laboratory testing. A suggestion that larger laboratories, such as reference laboratories, should prioritize updating breakpoints due to their increased resources and impact on many facilities and patients. It was proposed setting an advised timeline for updates to ensure consistency and reduce the burden on already-struggling labs. The members agreed to consider inviting experts from organizations like the CDC and FDA to provide insights and help formulate recommendations. The conversation also highlighted the issue of retiring experts and the need for verification and monitoring in smaller, independent labs.

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

The Chair, Ethan Smith, will draft survey questions for labs regarding breakpoint update barriers and timelines. Matt Zahn will look into providing insights from local lab discussions to refine the survey draft. David Ha will reach out to microbiology experts (Susan, Janet, Jennifer) for input on breakpoint update issues. Ethan will raise the issue of ASP inquiries during CDPH licensing surveys at the next HAI Advisory Committee meeting on September 12. Ethan will follow up with Jane K and Becca for updates on the NHSN AU visualization tool.

Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM