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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 22, 2010
MINUTES**

Note: These are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the June 22, 2010, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

B. Burton, Chair, called the June 22, 2010, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 2:08 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.

Members Present (In Person)

Ms. B. Burton (Chairperson); Mr. Kerry O'Connell; Mr. Paul Poduska; Ms. Peggy SaBell; and Ms. Sue Mazula.

Members Present (Via Teleconference)

Ms. Amber Miller and Ms. Debbie Teetzel attempted to join the meeting via teleconference, but technical problems prevented this.

CDPHE Staff Present

Dr. Wendy Bamberg; Ms. Julie Duran; Ms. Tamara Hoxworth; Ms. Judy Hughes; Ms. Kim Johnson; Ms. Kim Nguyen (minutes recorder) and Dr. Sara Reese.

Guests and Visitors Present

Ms. Crystal Berumen (representative, Colorado Hospital Association).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tamara Hoxworth presented the draft minutes from the May 25, 2010, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

"PADUSKA" ERROR WILL BE CORRECTED ON PAGE 2.

MOTION

MOVED BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY KERRY O'CONNELL, TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES, AS AMENDED, FROM THE MAY 25, 2010, MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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**UPDATE ON PATIENT
SAFETY SECTION
TRANSITION**

Tamara Hoxworth

Tamara Hoxworth updated the committee on the status of Allison Wheeler, who recently went on family medical leave following the birth of her son.

Ms. Hoxworth introduced Kim Johnson, Quality Safety Manager, who will oversee patient safety and occurrences for the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Prior to coming to CDPHE, Ms. Johnson said she was an ICU nurse at University of Colorado Hospital and most recently served as the Director of Risk Management and Patient Safety at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. The committee welcomed Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Hoxworth also notified the group that Karen Rich will replace Wendy Griffin, who left CDPHE on June 11, 2010. Ms. Rich will begin on July 1, 2010 and will help Sara Reese on the Validation Protocol Study.

**REPORT FROM
HEALTHCARE INFECTION
CONTROL PRACTICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Kerry O'Connell

Kerry O'Connell informed the committee of his recent trip to the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee meeting in Atlanta, which took place June 17 and 18. He said he had an "interesting" trip and brought back CD's for committee members which contained consumer collaterals that were produced by HICPAC.

Mr. O'Connell said he and other consumer advocates met with NHSN representatives who put together the "First State-Specific Healthcare-Associated Infections Summary Data Report." He said he engaged in lively debate with Dr. John Jernigan regarding universal screening and full contact precautions for each patient in each facility, regardless of condition. Mr. O'Connell also said there is a new head of public relations for HICPAC.

Mr. O'Connell commented that he couldn't tell how HICPAC was going to be effective in infection control. He said, according to HICPAC members, 20 years ago, it was able to recruit qualified talent to study microbiology and come work for the Centers for Disease Control. Now, there is a struggle to get "the best of the best," and as a result, is hurting its research arm. Mr. O'Connell said he was discouraged by HICPAC's emphasis on research only—and not on implementation—as it only publishes recommendations and assists CDC in issuing advisories.

B. Burton thanked Mr. O'Connell for his attendance, and said she was glad that local representation was present.

**DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL
NHSN TRAINING AND
REVIEW OF PATIENT
SAFETY WEBSITES**

Sara Reese

Sara Reese presented an idea to the advisory committee of the Department providing training to facility providers on how to navigate the Healthcare Safety Network Website and report data to it. She said that there is concern that accurate data is being entered due to:

- High turnover of facilities; and
- High volume of information that must be read and understood that NHSN provides on its Website.

Ms. Reese commented that training is offered through CDC, but there is no way to track who has taken it.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Methods of how to train facility personnel, whether paper-based or computer-based (B. Burton noted that CDC, for its purposes, created a test Website that trainees could access and temporary digital certificates so that trainees could access the Website online without compromising its network.);
- Content of the training (Committee members stressed easy access.); and

- Location and frequency of training sessions (Committee members expressed concern for facilities that were not conveniently located to CDPHE).

SARA REESE WILL SEEK GUIDANCE FROM NHSN FOR BEST PRACTICES AND WILL CREATE AN EXECUTION PLAN FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW FOR THE JULY 27, 2010 MEETING.

Ms. Reese presented the group with results of a review of CDPHE’s patient safety Website and a comparison of online pages of other states. She noted that CDPHE’s site is not user-friendly and is difficult for consumers to navigate and access information. She showed the committee screenshots of state Websites and examples of what could be an improvement to CDPHE’s site.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Formatting of search fields and charts of existing data, including ideas using charts, drop-down menus and maps, and filtering information by county, region, distance, and procedure (Kerry O’Connell commented that many state Websites have cumbersome programs and there is no good system of comparing hospitals);
- Content (The committee discussed adding award information to facility profiles, noting that the site should have “the good with the bad.” CDPHE staff commented that it would be hard to stay current on the volume of awards that are given. Crystal Berumen commented that the data on the Website would also have to tie in data from the Colorado Hospital Report Card Initiative. Mr. O’Connell noted that there needs to be a section to notify the public of precautions of the negative effects of medical procedures.);
- Implementation (Committee members asked if there were resources available to maintain the Website. Ms. Reese replied that it was unknown, and she would be meeting with internal personnel to determine the cost and time of remodeling the Website and maintaining it.);

SARA REESE WILL REPORT ON PROGRESS AND PLANS OF WEBSITE TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE JULY 27, 2010 MEETING.

VALIDATION PROTOCOL WILL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF JULY 27, 2010 MEETING FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION.

DISCUSSION OF FIRST STATE-SPECIFIC HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS SUMMARY DATA REPORT

In late May, NHSN published the “First State-Specific Healthcare-Associated Infections Summary Data Report.” The report presents composite statistics summarizing healthcare-associated infection data available from NHSN at national and state levels, including all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. The report includes data as recent as June 30, 2009.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Findings of the report (Committee members expressed mixed feelings about the results. B. Burton commented that she didn’t know what the report meant; for example, the state versus state comparisons were unfair because the state Standardized Infection Ratio includes so many different types of facilities.);
- The standards and tools used to report the statistics (Committee members expressed that even though what is used by CDC and what other comparisons are based on provide poor insight in the data, it is the best available currently. Ms. Burton commented that New York uses different standards, Statistics of Regression, instead of SIR.)

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
UPDATES**

Wendy Bamberg introduced Julie Duran to committee members. Ms. Duran, Healthcare Associated-Infections Epidemiologist, will work along side Ms. Bamberg in the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division of CDPHE. The committee welcomed Ms. Duran.

Crystal Berumen reported to the committee that some hospitals have dropped from the Colorado Prevention Collaboration since Tamara Hoxworth last updated the committee on the prevention collaborative. There are 17 facilities signed up for the Clostridium difficile (C. diff) collaborative and 18 facilities signed up for the surgical site infection (SSI) collaborative.

Ms. Berumen said hospitals have begun entering data and are using the blog to ask questions. A Webinar was scheduled for June 24, 2010 on antibiotic stewardship, and another Webinar has been planned for August regarding surgical site infections and blood transfusions. A face-to-face meeting is slated for October.

Ms. Berumen told the committee that she was approached by a hospital recently and was asked if there was any consideration of requiring facilities to report laminectomies. Committee members replied no, noting that NHSN does not require such procedures to be reported.

IDEAS FOR THE OCTOBER BRIEF, DISCUSSION REGARDING DATA ON IN-PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT, AND DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR THE FORMAT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 27, 2010 MEETING.

Paul Poduska informed committee members that he will not attend the July 27, 2010 meeting. He will be on vacation.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The scheduled 2010 meeting dates for the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infection Advisory Committee are:

July 27, 2010	Snow Room	2-4 p.m.
August 24, 2010	C1A	2-4 p.m.
September 28, 2010	C1A	2-4 p.m.
October 26, 2010	C1A	2-4 p.m.

Committee members: Please note that a secure line and Webinar will be set up for all future committee meetings. This will allow committee members to participate in executive session remotely.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings scheduled in Building C are accessible only with a card key. Access requires checking in at the front desk of Building A, where you will be issued a temporary card key.

A map with directions to the CDPHE and the current parking situation can be found electronically at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ic/location.html>.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.