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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2010
MINUTES**

Note: These are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the April 27, 2010, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC).

CALL TO ORDER

B. Burton, Chair, called the April 27, 2010, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 2:00 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); Ms. Sue Mazula; Mr. Kerry O'Connell; Mr. Paul Poduska; and Ms. Peggy SaBell.

Members Present (Via Teleconference)

Ms. Heather Gilmartin; Dr. Allison Sabel; and Ms. Debbie Teetzel.

CDPHE Staff Present

Dr. Wendy Bamberg; Mr. Kirk Bol; Ms. Wendy Griffin; Ms. Tamara Hoxworth; Ms. Sara Reese; and Ms. Allison Wheeler.

Guests and Visitors Present

Ms. Paddy O'Rourke (minutes recorder).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Allison Wheeler presented the draft minutes from the March 30, 2010, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

MOTION

MOVED BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY SUE MAZULA, TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 30, 2010, MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOTION CARRIED

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**NHSN DATA REVIEW
DURING EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is in Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(3)(a)(III). The executive session was called to review confidential data retrieved from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system. The topics being discussed are confidential in nature and are protected under Colorado Revised Statute §25-3-605.

B. Burton called for a motion to discuss the confidential data in executive session rather than in an open meeting.

MOTION

MOVED BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY SUE MAZULA, TO BEGIN

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN AT 2:05 P.M. AND WAS ATTENDED BY: MS. B. BURTON; MS. SUE MAZULA; MR. KERRY O'CONNELL; MR. PAUL PODUSKA; MS. PEGGY SABELL; MS. HEATHER GILMARTIN (VIA TELECONFERENCE); DR. ALLISON SABEL (VIA TELECONFERENCE); MS. DEBBIE TEETZEL (VIA TELECONFERENCE); DR. WENDY BAMBERG; MR. KIRK BOL; MS. WENDY GRIFFIN; MS. TAMARA HOXWORTH; MS. SARA REESE; MS. ALLISON WHEELER; AND MS. PADDY O'ROURKE. THE PUBLIC WAS ASKED TO LEAVE DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

During the executive session the committee reviewed the data retrieved from the NHSN system.

BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED AND THE MEETING WAS RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 3:18 P.M. PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED BACK TO THE MEETING.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *ALLISON WHEELER WILL FORWARD THE BULLETIN TEXT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR REVIEW. THE PLANNED PUBLISH DATE FOR THE BULLETIN IS MAY 14, 2010.*
- *COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE ASKED FOR FEEDBACK REGARDING WHETHER THE DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THE BULLETIN WAS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.*
- *EXPLANATIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE BULLETIN REGARDING "HIGH", "MEDIUM" AND "LOW" RISK RATINGS.*
- *ALLISON WHEELER WILL RESEARCH NUMERATOR DATA FOR EXEMPLA SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL.*
- *ALLISON WHEELER WILL CHANGE THE LANGUAGE ON THE DRAFT TERM LIMIT DOCUMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO POTENTIALLY SERVE ADDITIONAL NON-CONSECUTIVE TERMS FOLLOWING THE TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS. SHE WILL ALSO ADD LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR THE HARD-TO-FILL POSITIONS IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO NEW APPLICANTS. MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE FINALIZED TERM LIMIT DOCUMENT AT THE MAY 25, 2010, MEETING.*

VALIDATION PROTOCOL UPDATE

Wendy Griffin, Kirk Bol and Sara Reese

Wendy Griffin discussed the draft validation protocol. It is hoped that record reviews will begin in June 2010.

- *MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO FORWARD ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT VALIDATION PROTOCOL BY FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010.*
- *WENDY GRIFFIN WILL FINALIZE PROTOCOL FOR APPROVAL AT THE MAY 25, 2010, MEETING.*
- *WENDY GRIFFIN WILL CHANGE APPENDIX D TO REFLECT THAT*

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HAS A CARDIAC CCU AND A SURGICAL CCU.

Discussion followed regarding: whether the department would be able to find cases that are not reported to both NHSN and CDPHE; destruction plans for patient-specific information; estimated length of project; expected funding sources.

Kirk Bol reported that he is working with Sara Reese in order to determine sample size. According to protocol, sample size is based on positive lab reports as reported by hospital micro labs. Random samples will be reviewed and, overall, the majority of blood cultures will be reviewed. Using this protocol, there will be about 500 cultures to review across all the hospitals.

Discussion followed regarding: estimated amount of time for chart review; counting number of positive blood cultures vs. counting number of patients with positive blood cultures.

Wendy Griffin reported that there approximately 60 facilities. All 9 long term care (LTC) facilities will be audited. All 13 neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)-only facilities will be audited. Most likely all of the 33 facilities that have both NICU and ICU will be audited. It was uncertain whether all of the 17 ICU-only facilities would be audited. It was noted that CCU stood for critical care units (versus cardio care units), as is consistent with NHSN. Committee members, and potentially the CDC, will be consulted in questionable cases. Wendy Griffin will give an update at the next meeting of the Colorado chapter of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) meeting. The highlighted sections of the draft document indicate incomplete information which needs to be updated.

Discussion followed regarding: Connecticut's audit experience in which it took one person 3 full months to review 600 CLABSI charts; relative chart length often determined by patient's degree of illness; selecting best audit universe within the constraints of cost and time; whether the infection control practitioners (ICPs) could be used to verify questionable data; informing the ICP that an audit is planned for their facility; cross-checking central line data with billing data.

OTHER BUSINESS

2016 Sunset Review of Committee

B. Burton noted that the legislation called for a sunset review of the CHFAIAC on July 1, 2016.

- *ALLISON WHEELER WILL CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING WHETHER THE 2016 SUNSET REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT ON TERM LIMITS, ETC.*

Discussion followed regarding: federal reporting requirements for 2013; plans to share data between NHSN and Hospital Care; NHSN is considering elimination of digital certificates.

NHSN State Summary Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Report

Allison Wheeler reported that NHSN planned to release a state summary healthcare associated infections (HAI) report on May 7, 2010. It was noted that based on the preliminary report, the infections are not broken down by facility and that Colorado as a whole is well below the national HAI average. The report indicates that the data may change based on validation.

Discussion followed regarding: value of comparing states; AHRQ report based on coding data.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

May 25, 2010	C1A	2-4 p.m.
June 22, 1010	C1A	2-4 p.m.
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 electronically and remotely.

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 4:08 p.m.