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**COLORADO HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 23, 2016**

*Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the February 23, 2016 meeting of the Colorado Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee.*

<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Renee Peters and Tara Janosz called the February 23, 2016 Colorado Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (CHAIAC) to order at approximately 2:07 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.
<b><u>MEMBERS (in person)</u> (via teleconference)</b>	Peggy Sabel, Tara Janosz, Ann Kokish, Renee Peters, and Cindy Thistel (Via tele) Carole Hemmelgarn, Paul Hill, and Collen Casaceli
<b>CDPHE STAFF</b>  <b>GUESTS</b>	Wendy Bamberg, Tamara Hoxworth, Rosine Angbanzan, Karen Strott, Dale Spencer, Carolyn Elliott and Alana Cilwick  Teri Hulett (CHA) and Deanna Curry (Telligen)
<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></b> Renee Peters Tara Janosz	<b>Motion to approve Minutes by Colleen Casaceli and seconded by Cindy Thistel</b>  <b>Motion Approved</b>
<b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>  Renee Peters Tara Jansoz	Renee and Tara gave a summary of the presentation on Waterborne Pathogens given by Michael Castro. Mr. Castro discussed water as a source of hospital acquired infections. He had spent time reviewing potable water systems in the healthcare industry, focusing on engineering and plumbing challenges citing that in most circumstances, well-controlled, hygienic water is delivered from water plants to cities; however this changes dramatically at the point-of-entrance to buildings. Water passes through complex internal distribution systems consisting of narrow pipes with possibly corroded inner surfaces and dead ends. This environment provides optimal conditions for the formation of biofilm from which bacteria and other microorganisms are continuously released into the hospital water supply.



<b><u>Action Items</u></b>	One agenda item postponed until next meeting: ICAR Overview
<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:27PM and the next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016