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**COLORADO HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 27, 2015**

Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the January 27, 2015 meeting of the Colorado Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Peggy SaBell and Colleen Casaceli called the January 27, 2015, Colorado Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (CHAIAC) to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.
<u>MEMBERS (in person)</u> (via teleconference)	Peggy SaBell, Colleen Casaceli, Linda Burton, Cindy Thistel, and Paul Poduska Carole Hemmelgarn, Deborah Teetzel, and Heather Young
CDPHE STAFF GUESTS	Tamara Hoxworth, Carolyn Elliott, Wendy Bamberg and Rosine Angbanzan Teri Hulett, Luana Locke, and Lisa Campalese from Centura Admin on the phone
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Colleen Casaceli and Peggy SaBell	Motion to approve Minutes by Linda Burton and seconded by Cindy Thistel Motion Approved
<u>PROGRAM UPDATES</u> Wendy Bamberg	There is a funding opportunity through CDC to expand HAI planning and assessment, as well as expansion of the HAI Advisory Committee. Monies are to be distributed over a 2-3 year period. The first year will include an assessment of health facilities' infection control policies and strategies; identifying IC gaps and areas for improvement. NHSN data could also be used to identify facilities that need additional help to improve infection rates. Year 2 and 3 would allow for competency training in HAI infection control. There would be a need for adding additional staff that would provide expertise in infection control training. Outside organizations and stakeholders would be asked by the state to collaborate on infection control strategies and suggestions on how expansion should proceed.

<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p>	<p>The proposal to pre-release data to facilities by sometime in early November for review with caveats, including a memo of how data was calculated was discussed.</p> <p>It was also discussed that NHSN does not calculate SIR rates for facilities with expected numbers of infections <1; However, the state will continue to calculate SIR for those facilities. If the data and analysis capability are available, as they are at CDPHE, consumers deserve to know how all facilities compare to national regardless of the size or location of the facility.</p> <p>The issue of secondary site infections included in our annually published data and SIR rates was discussed and the group felt that we should mirror NHSN and exclude the secondary site infections.</p> <p>The issue of including/excluding primarily closed surgeries was discussed. It was noted that this was not formally captured by NHSN until Jan. 2014 and that starting in Jan. 2014, all surgeries were to be included in denominators, not just primarily closed. CDPHE will determine how to handle the mid-year change in denominators through discussion with CDC and CDPHE's statistical analyst.</p> <p>The committee received eleven applications for four committee openings: A representative from a public hospital, a representative from a private hospital, an Infection Preventionist from an ambulatory surgery center, and an Infection Preventionist (health professional) certified in infection control (CIC) when eligible (within 2.6 months after working as an IP). The committee selected four candidates to be recommended to CDPHE's executive director for appointment.</p>
<p><u>MOTION</u></p>	<p>PAUL PODUSKA MOTIONED AND LINDA BURTON SECONDED THAT THE STATE WILL PRERELEASE THE DATA TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT TO FACILITIES FOR THEIR REVIEW BY NOVEMBER 1.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p><u>MOTION</u></p>	<p>COLLEEN CASACELI MOTIONED AND PEGGY SABELL SECONDED TO STAY WITH THE CDC REPORTING OF PRIMARY SITE INFECTIONS AND NOT TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SITE INFECTIONS</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p><u>MOTION</u></p>	<p>PAUL PODUSKA MOTIONED AND COLLEEN CASACELI SECONDED THAT THE STATE WILL CALCULATE AND INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL REPORT THE SIR FOR FACILITIES WITH EXPECTED NUMBERS OF INFECTIONS LESS THAN ONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SIR RATES REPORTED BY NHSN</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p><u>WRAP-UP</u></p>	<p>Paul Poduska was presented with Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service and contributions to the HAI Advisory Committee.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2015</p>