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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 27, 2013, MINUTES**

Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the August 27, 2013, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

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| <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | Cindy Thistel, chairperson, called the August 27, 2013, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 2:01 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246. |
| <u>Members Present (in person)</u> | Cindy Thistel, Heather Young, Kerry O'Connell, Carole Hemmelgarn, Paul Poduska, Linda Burton, Colleen Casaceli, Ryan Biehle |
| (via teleconference) | Dawn Benham |
| <u>CDPHE Staff Present</u> | Tamara Hoxworth, Rosine Angbanzan, Gillian Franklin |
| <u>Guests and Visitors Present</u> | Nancy Griffith (CHA), Linda Tuzzolino (CFMC) |
| <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> | Cindy Thistel presented the draft minutes from the July 23, 2013 meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee. |
| MOTION | MOTION BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY COLLEEN CASACELI TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE JULY 23, 2013 MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. |
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| <p><u>Program Updates and General Committee Business</u> Tamara Hoxworth/ Rosine Angbanzan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HAI program has decreased in size recently, so Karen Rich’s position will not be replaced. The program will look to the committee and the department’s epidemiologists for clinical experience. • The program is waiting for CDC’s notification of award before a formal offer may be given to the new hire. • CDPHE has a new Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Larry Wolk. He will be starting at the department on September 16, 2013. |
| <p><u>CLABSI Validation Project Updates</u> Rosine Angbanzan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new hire will hopefully help Rosine complete the 15 remaining CLABSI validations. |
| <p><u>Introduction of new members</u> Tamara Hoxworth</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee welcomed their new members, Carole Hemmelgarn and Ryan Biehle. • Kerry O’Donnell received a certificate of appreciation from the committee for his participation since August 2007. |
| <p><u>Summary of Annual Report Questionnaire Feedback</u> Tamara Hoxworth/ Rosine Angbanzan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara and Rosine presented a summary of the annual report usefulness survey. • Rosine provided a list of suggestions for the next annual report based on the surveys. • The recipients of the annual report are hospitals, facility staff, IP’s, and the legislature, but we want the public to access it as well. • Currently 30 copies of the annual reports are printed. • Some respondents suggested using a little more color to make the report look more visually appealing on the outside. • The committee decided to include facilities with no reportable data in the same tables as facilities with reportable data. There will be one table with asterisks next to the facilities with insufficient data or less than 20 procedures performed. This is similar to what the committee did in past annual reports. • The committee suggested grouping the hospitals by geographical region, bed size, volume of procedures, and/or teaching/non-teaching to make it easier to compare and contrast. One issue is that some consumers will not know the regions or which hospitals are teaching hospitals. • The committee decided to include historical data for 2 years prior to the current year. One caveat to trend data is that definitions keep changing. The annual report could just include annual data and then the website will have the historical data. • The committee decided to remove the background information since most other reports similar to this annual report exclude it. • Distribution to the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Put the executive summary on a brochure for waiting rooms or exams rooms. Usually waiting rooms are friendly environments without formal documents, but this could work towards the facilities “meaningful use” criteria. – Ask Centura headquarters or the Colorado Medical Society to help distribute the brochures in physicians’ offices. – Distribute brochures at the health fairs with representation. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask “Think About It Colorado” to add a link to CDPHE’s website. “Think About It Colorado” is non-profit group started by COPIC with a goal to communicate to the community about patient safety. - Post annual report on “Citizens for Patient Safety.” • Website suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create an online spreadsheet that the consumer can manipulate, search for county or city, or compare three hospitals. This effort takes time and money, and this program is getting less and less funding. - Use the State of California’s interactive map where consumers can click on a dot on a map to tell them the hospital rates. Maybe the California Health Care Foundation would share their technology with Colorado. • The committee continues to struggle with reading level of the annual report. The national reading level is 6th grade, but the annual report requires a lot of technical language. |
| <p><u>Posting Annual Report data on CO APDC (All Payer Claims Database) Website</u> Tamara Hoxworth</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APDC requested to post the facility specific rates from our annual report on the APDC website, which shows cost variations, cost plan data, physician level data, trends, and transparency. • The committee agreed to allow APDC to use the annual report on their website only if APDC posts a PDF version of the report or a link to CDPHE’s website. The committee does not want their data reanalyzed. • Currently, CHA uses the annual report on their state mandated report card. |
| <p><u>Updates from Committee Members/New Developments</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSN plans to republish the patient safety manual in January 2014. • Tamara has invited Dr. Heidi Wald to speak at either the October or November CHFAC meeting. Dr. Wald is an advocate in CAUTI (Catheter Acquired Urinary Tract Infection) elimination and reduction. She developed a computer algorithm that does CAUTI surveillance. • The committee talked about the germ-killing robot. • In the next few months, the committee will assist the Patient Safety Program in completing the annual report by December and completing the CLABSI validation study. |
| <p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> | <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm. The next meeting will be September 24, 2013, 2-4 pm at CDPHE in Room C1A.</p> |