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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY  
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 24, 2012**

*Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the July 24, 2012, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cindy Thistel, chairperson, called the July 24, 2012, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 02:03 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.

**Members Present (In Person)**

Cindy Thistel, Paul Poduska, Linda Burton, Peggy Sabell, Coleen Casaceli, Dede de Percin, Kerry O'Connell

**Members Present (via teleconference)**

Dawn Benham, Deborah Teetzel

**CDPHE Staff Present**

Tara Janosz, Karen Rich, Tamara Hoxworth, Juan Suazo, Dawn Gibson

**Guests and Visitors Present**

Crystal Berumen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Karen Rich presented the draft minutes from the May 22, 2012 meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

Corrections to be made:

Page 2, first paragraph, emerging to emergent.

Page 2, seventh paragraph, and to in

Page 2, seventh paragraph, after 6 months in the position to within 6 months of eligibility

***MOTION***

**MOVED BY B. BURTON, SECONDED BY PAUL PODUSKA TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2012 MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**MOTION PASSED**

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

- The program is merging with another data-focused group in the HFEMSD September 1, 2012. The unit will be called Health & Safety Information Services (HSIS). This merger will not impact program responsibilities.
- Tamara presented that the funding the group is currently working under covers the group to December 31, 2012. Extension funding has been applied for, and notification of award is expected August 2012.
- Influenza vaccination reporting begins this coming influenza season. The Patient Safety group is supporting the division and DCEED with implementation, primarily for NHSN reporting.
- The new CDPHE website, including the Patient Safety webpage, is expected to go live mid-August, but has been experiencing delays.
- The Hospital compare website will not go live until late this year or early 2013. This website displays health facility data from CMS quality data, division survey data, and state collected HAI data.

### **Dialysis Prevention Collaborative Update**

Tamara gave an update of the Colorado Dialysis Collaborative, which ends July 2012. She shared a handout, to be presented at the final session of the collaborative, highlighting the group's success measuring hand hygiene in the dialysis clinic setting.

### **Dialysis Validation Project Update**

Tamara presented the Colorado Dialysis Data Validation Project Protocol. This protocol has been approved by management and received IRB waiver. The project has been piloted in two facilities so far. Feedback is still welcome.

### **CBIC Exam Recommendations**

Karen presented the draft recommendation of the CHFIAIC for interpretation of the statute for timing of the Infection Preventionist Certification. The recommendation was reviewed by a legal representative in the division to ensure it was in line with approved legislation. There is one clarification the group agreed should be made. Additional suggestions can be submitted to Karen for one week, and these edits will be brought to a legal representative for review.

### **HPRO/KPRO Validation Protocol Ideas**

Tara led a discussion of ideas for the design of the surgical site infection data validation to be performed this calendar year. The design of the previous SSI validation project involving hernia procedures was reviewed, and it was discussed if there were any unmet priorities that can be addressed in a hip/knee replacement data validation. Ideas included reviewing more recent data to be more relevant to facilities, justified by NHSN's upcoming change to 90 days versus a year of follow up for SSI reporting. It was suggested the validation could cover the second half of 2011 and utilize 20 + 5 facilities. Various opinions on what the survey should include.

### **Semi-Annual Bulletin**

Tara asked for potential topics for the second semi-annual bulletin. The group agreed the topic will be NICU CLABSI data, and possibly discussing CLABSI bundles

### **Infection Control Training Update**

Juan presented that there are two CDPHE funded Infection Prevention classes remaining. This training served 60 IPs in the state.

**Updates from Committee  
Members/New Developments**

- Infection Prevention in Emergency Care conference scheduled for 10/07/12. Flyer passed out with agenda items.
- Summer Intern doing work with Governor's office. Working with center for improving the health care act. Is creating an all care claims database that was approved by legislation. Should be rolling out some of the information by September.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 04:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled September 25, 2012.