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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY  
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
June 25, 2013, MINUTES**

*Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the June 25, 2013, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.*

<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Cindy Thistel, chairperson, called the June 25, 2013, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) 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.
<b><u>Members Present (In Person)</u></b>	Cindy Thistel, Linda Burton, Colleen Casaceli, Heather Young, Dawn Benham, Kerry O'Connell,
<b><u>Members Present (via teleconference)</u></b> <b><u>CDPHE Staff Present</u></b> <b><u>CDPHE Staff Not Present</u></b>	Debbie Teetzel, Peggy Sabell, Allison Sabel-Soteres  Tamara Hoxworth, Karen Rich, Rosine Angbanzan, Carolyn Elliott  Gillian Franklin (excused)
<b><u>Guests and Visitors Present</u></b>	Jennifer Cummins (CHA), Linda Tuzzolino (CFMC), Laura Kahn, (CCHI), Sam Skovogaad (CCHI), Ryan Biehle (CCHI)
<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></b>  <b><i>MOTION</i></b>	Cindy Thistel presented the draft minutes from the May 28, 2013 meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.  <b>Motion BY LINDA BURTON, SECONDED BY COLLEEN CASACELI and Dr. Young TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2013 MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.</b>

<b><i>MOTION CARRIED</i></b>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
<p><b><u>Committee Membership Update</u></b> Karen Rich/Tamara Hoxworth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamara Hoxworth updated everyone on what’s going on at the department. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State submitted a grant to CDC asking for additional funding for the CLABSI Validation; CDC may want to use CDPHE as a test site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Karen announced that she will be leaving CDPHE in August to relocate out of state</li> <li>• Ryan Biehle from Colorado Consumer Health Initiative is seeking the health consumer organization position (Dede’s) on the Committee and will send in his application</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Hip/Knee Validation Update</u></b> Rosine Angbanzan</p>	<p>Rosine finalized her Hip/Knee validation study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the inaccuracy of Trauma Reporting</li> <li>• Cindy asked their data abstraction specialist in IT to investigate how trauma may be captured in the EHR, but this person has not had time to do this. She will follow up and report at a subsequent meeting.</li> <li>• Rosine will contact NHSN for guidance on reporting of SSI and timeframe. When does trauma have to occur? Per Allison, patients are included in the Trauma Registry if admitted only. The state currently uses 3-weeks as the baseline for reporting trauma into the Trauma Registry. The Committee is unsure about whether the definitions in both reporting systems are the same or not. In the meantime, Rosine will send out a blast email to all hospital IPs asking how the various EMRs capture Trauma for SSI. While the trauma criteria for the Trauma Registry should be the same for consistency for all facilities, likewise the NHSN criteria for trauma and SSI reporting should be the same. IPs need to know the difference and report SSI per NHSN trauma definition criteria.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>CLABSI Validation Protocol</u></b> _Rosine and_Karen</p> <p><b><i>MOTION</i></b></p> <p><b><i>MOTION CARRIED</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final draft of the protocol was reviewed. Rosine has started to contact facilities to obtain line lists for positive blood cultures. She has noticed that there is a general problem with the formatting of data from NHSN into Excel format and continues to work with the IP to obtain the lists per protocol requirements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion by Colleen Casaceli to adopt the CLABSI Validation Protocol</b></p> <p><b>Seconded by Linda Burton and Paul Poduska (via email submission)</b></p> <p><b>Motion Passed</b></p>
<p><b><u>Focus Groups</u></b> Karen Rich</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee is still concerned about relevancy and usefulness of the State of Colorado Status Report on the Health Facility-Acquired Infections Disclosure Initiative Report (Annual Report).</li> <li>• How do we obtain feedback? Is it possible to engage consumer focus groups?</li> <li>• Karen spoke with Carrie Krantz of the Center for Improving Value in Healthcare. They are in the very early stages of engagement with any focus</li> </ul>

	<p>groups and she did not have any helpful information at this time. Karen and Rosine have developed a set of questions that could possibly be posted on the CDPHE webpage for consumers to access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamara will check for money from grant funding to obtain Target gift cards for \$10.00 as incentive for participants who complete the questionnaire. Committee members volunteered to provide the questionnaire to 5 recipients/health care consumers in their respective facility either in hardcopy or electronic format. Participants will be both non-clinical and clinical personnel. Ryan will target lay consumers.</li> <li>• Questionnaire was sent to committee members and visitors at last meeting for further input before meeting; approved via email and again during meeting [L Burton, P Poduska, C Casaceli, J Cummins (visitor)].</li> <li>• Karen will send out to member volunteers a link to the Annual Report and a few hard copies and gift cards as soon as available with a target date for return of the survey in late July. The committee looked again at the New Hampshire Annual Report and characteristics of the reporting pages noting that it was fairly user friendly.</li> <li>• Who do we want for the Focus Groups? Just consumers of health care or health care personnel, doctors, admission personnel, administrators? It was determined that all types of people would work since everyone is a health care consumer.</li> <li>• Suggestions for outreach re: the Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health Fairs such as 9 News</li> <li>○ CFMC may have some focus groups. Linda T will check.</li> <li>○ Public Relations, hospital administration – IPs could ask how they are using the data, how are they making changes, etc.</li> <li>○ St. Anthony has a Passport program in which patients come back and might be interested in completing a survey. Other hospitals have Patient Navigator programs.</li> <li>○ Volunteers at facilities might be another option. IPs on committee could ask members of this group to complete the questionnaire now.</li> <li>○ Surgeons could be asked to rank hospitals, OR environments, housekeeping services, etc.</li> <li>○ CDPHE and PR director, Mark Salley</li> <li>○ Hyperlink in the report</li> <li>○ Insurance companies; CDPHE to possibly contact</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Updates from Committee Members/New Developments</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Young is planning a study on how IPs perform surveillance for colon and hysterectomy procedures and comparing rates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– She will look at SSIs and send out an online survey to all IPs</li> <li>– She will present her protocol at the September Mile Hi APIC meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:35PM. The next meeting will be July 23, 2013, 2-4p in C1A.</p>