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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 27, 2012 MINUTES**

Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the March 27, 2012, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Paul Poduska temporary chairperson, called the March 27, 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)

Mr. Paul Poduska (temporary chairperson); Ms. B. Burton; Ms. Denise de Percin; Ms. Dawn Benham; Ms. Peggy Sabell; Ms. Coleen Casaceli; and Ms. Cindy Thistel

Members Present (via teleconference)

Ms.
Deborah Teetzel

CDPHE Staff Present

Dr. Sara Reese; Ms. Karen Rich; Ms. Tamara Hoxworth; Ms. Tara Janosz; Mr. Juan Suazo; Ms. Katie Conrath; Ms. Idana Espinoza and Ms. Dawn Gibson (minutes recorder)

Guests and Visitors Present

Mr. Eric Whitney (Colorado Public Radio)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paul Poduska presented the draft minutes from the February 28, 2012 meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

MOTION

MOVED BY CINDY THISTEL, SECONDED BY DENISE DE PERCIN TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION PASSED

ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Paul Poduska called for a motion to discuss a new chairperson. The new chairperson will start at the next CHFAIAC Meeting on April 24, 2012 for a one year term.

Paul Poduska nominated Cindy Thistel as the new chairperson.

MOTION

MOVED BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY B. BURTON FOR CINDY THISTEL AS THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON FOR ONE YEAR STARTING ON APRIL 24, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION PASSED

NHSN REHABILITATION FACILITIES' REPORTING PROBLEMS

Tara Janosz

Tara Janosz reported on the difficulty that the four NHSN rehabilitation facilities are having at this time. If enrollment is made in 2012, 2011 data cannot be entered. Also there have been glitches in the system from the updates. Tara Janosz called for a motion that all four facilities start reporting as of January 12, 2012.

MOTION

MOVED BY DENISE DE PERCIN, SECONDED BY B. BURTON THAT ALL FOUR FACILITIES START REPORTING AS OF JANUARY 12, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION PASSED

CDPHE HAI WEBSITE FOR CONSUMERS

Idana Espinoza

Idana Espinoza presented the Health Acquired Infection (HAI) website. The website is based off from the Minnesota site and is expected to go live at the beginning of May. The website is designed for the average consumer and explains HAI, the funding resource and the legislation that supports the program. The website will also consist of useful resources to include links and websites. Once the system is ready to go live, an e-mail will be sent to all members of CHFAIA.

RURAL INFECTION PREVENTIONIST OUTREACH WORK

Juan Suazo

Juan Suazo presented the rural outreach work. In 2011, a needs assessment was completed by means of surveys and telephone follow-up. It was found that rural and urban facilities function much differently in the area of infection prevention. The top three needs stated by rural areas were: 1) more time to perform duties; 2) professional mentoring; and 3) training. The rural areas did indicate that they had a small amount of funding for infection control training but that they do not have agreements with a mentoring acute care hospital. Some suggested ideas presented were: NHSM consultation by phone; More local training to include policies; Increased webinars; Blogs; and Administrative support. CDPHE will be offering training through the State in May, June, and July.

NHSN COLON SSI REPORTING

Karen Rich

Karen Rich presented an update with a handout on colon SSI reporting. Karen gave a reminder that utilizing Chapter 17 is important to organ space criteria. The definition for implants has been changed. Karen also stated that some providers have listed colon procedures as clean and these are never considered clean. Per the recommendations of IPs in states that have been reporting colon surgeries, complicated cases and cases with multiple procedures should be reviewed with infection control team members such as other IPs and ID doctors to determine SSI attribution.

DIALYSIS COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Tamara Hoxworth

Dr. Tamara Hoxworth presented an update on dialysis collaboration with handouts. She presented information on the implementation team as well as the goal of the team, *work together to prevent dialysis infections and spur more interest in infection prevention among the dialysis community*. This goal has no relation to the regulation/compliance survey process. This is a voluntary program and of the 62

dialysis centers in Colorado, 31 have joined. Expectations are already in place to improve hand hygiene at the facilities and two of the three education/information sharing meetings have been conducted. Data is submitted monthly via the *Colorado Dialysis Collaborative Hand Hygiene and Gloving Audit Tool*. Two outcomes are measured: 1) local access infections; and 2) access related bloodstream infections.

**HERNIA SSI VALIDATION
UPDATE**

Tara Janosz

Tara Janosz presented the NHSN review. The final visit is being conducted on March 28, 2012. So far 438 records have been reviewed, 70 infections (10% were reported inaccurately, 368 non- infection. Still need to compare and review data. Have begun the follow up calls on the 438 patients and then will send final letters. Hip and Knee procedures are next for entering in NHSN. This is the next common place for error.

**UPDATES FROM
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS/NEW
DEVELOPMENTS**

Denise de Percin stated that HB1294 is non-controversial and is moving slowing through the process due to approving of the long bill.

Karen Rich presented that \$5000 per state is available for rural I.P. Training. These trainings are conducted at one per region.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 03:55 p.m.