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**COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY  
ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 22, 2012 MINUTES**

*Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the May 22, 2012, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Poduska called the May 22, 2012, Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 02:08 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; Ms. B. Burton; Ms. Dawn Benham; Ms. Peggy Sabell; Ms. Coleen Casaceli; and Kerry O'Connell

**Members Present (via teleconference)**

Ms. Denise de Percin; Dr. Allison Sabel-Soteres;

**CDPHE Staff Present**

Ms. Karen Rich; Ms. Tamara Hoxworth; Ms. Tara Janosz; Mr. Juan Suazo; Ms. Julie Duran; Ms. Kim Johnson and Ms. Dawn Gibson (minutes recorder)

**Guests and Visitors Present**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Paul Poduska presented the draft minutes from the March 27, 2012 meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

Correction to Next Meeting Date: May 22, 2012

***MOTION***

**MOVED BY B BURTON, SECONDED BY COLEEN CASACELI TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2012 MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**MOTION PASSED**

**Update on CDPHE HAI program**

Tara Janosz presented an overview of the division since the departure of Dr. Sara Reese. Dr. Reese has accepted a position with Denver Health Medical Center. Randy Kuykendall, Deputy Director will take on the responsibility of the group and the CHFAIAC. Dr. Reese's responsibilities have been divided among Tara Janosz, Tamara Hoxworth, Karen Rich and Juan Suazo for the interim until a new Program Manager is appointed. Projects should not be affected by the changes. The Division has filled the open HPIII position. Rosine Angbanzan, MPH starting June 4, 2012, and will mostly be dedicated to validation studies. She brings with her experience in chart review and surveillance work from working with the Emerging Infections

Program in DCEED.

**UPDATE ON GRANT  
APPROVAL APPLICATION**

Tamara Hoxworth presented information regarding grant funding. There are two current funding sources for the program, one ending July 31, 2012 and the second December 31, 2012. Currently, an application has been submitted for a continuance grant (ELC grant) which will then continue funding until July of 2013. The Division is applying for three parts of the grant:

1. Funding for HAI infrastructure
2. Funding for HAI prevention initiatives
3. Extension of funding for validation surveys

**DIALYSIS COLLABORATIVE  
UPDATE**

Tamara Hoxworth presented information regarding the Dialysis Prevention Collaborative. This project is funded through July 31, 2012. With this funding several opportunities have been provided to include two learning sessions and several conference calls. Hand hygiene audit tools developed for the project have proven to be successful. Hand hygiene compliance is being correlated to infection rates and improvements were noted. June 21, 2012 is the last webinar that will be offered for this project. July 26, 2012 will be the final face to face learning session. Fifty-one percent of the dialysis centers volunteered to participate in this project.

**DIALYSIS VALIDATION  
PROJECT UPDATE**

Tamara Hoxworth presented that the project is going to validate dialysis events. The goal is to assess over- and under-reporting of events, and common reporting errors. The goal is to have 25 facilities participate. The intended completion date is December of 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –  
SEMI-ANNUAL BULLETIN**

Closed Session per 24-6-402(3)(A)(3).

**HAND HYGIENE AND  
GLOVING PROJECT**

Karen Rich presented that the focus is with Long Term Acute Care to help with training, tools and education of staff on hand hygiene. The fact sheets will be completed by July, the assessment quiz is already completed and a poster will be completed by July.

**CBIC EXAM  
RECOMMENDATION**

Karen Rich described the issue of the advisory committee making a recommendation for the length of time an IP should be in a position before they are expected to be certified. Legislation states certification is expected within 6 months of eligibility, though the certifying agency states the exam is written for IPs with two years full time work experience. The committee would like clarification of the legislation before making a decision. Laurie Schroder will be asked to review and provide interpretation of law and ramification for this committee.

**INFECTION CONTROL  
TRAINING UPDATE**

Juan Suazo stated that planning for the training is underway. Amber Miller is planning to deliver seven training sessions in Colorado. Both the Denver and Pueblo classes have had much interest, the later being full. Classes planned for the western slope have lower than expected interest, and may be combined to one location. Travel stipends may be available with the financial savings of combining classes.

**UPDATES FROM  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS/NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS**

The patient safety HAI website is in the process of edits suggested from DCEED. This project has a July completion date, and August go live date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 03:27 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2012.