

HEALTH CARE ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISOR COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008
2:00 pm TO 4:00 pm

General Services Building, Mt Mazama Rm.
1225 Ferry St. S.E.
Salem, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Woody English, MD, Co-Chair**
 Paul Cieslack, MD (by phone)
 Kathleen Elias
 Ron Jamtgaard
 Laura Mason (by phone)
 Jon Pelkey
 Mary Post (by phone, joined late)
 John Townes, MD (by phone)
 Dee Dee Vallier (by phone)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Mel Kohn, MD, Co-Chair**
 Jim Barnhart
 Jim Dameron
 Lynn-Marie Crider
 Patricia Martinez, MD
 Barbara Prowe
 Kecia Rardin
 Rodger Sleven, MD

STAFF PRESENT: **Sean Kolmer, Data and Research Manager, OHP**

ISSUES HEARD:

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of Minutes for May/June**
- **Review of draft work plan**
- **Discussion of hearing officer report and adopted rules**
- **CDC webinar training requirements**
- **Additional NHSN training requirements**
- **Training strategy development**
- **Public Testimony**
- **Other Topics/Adjourn**

These minutes are in compliance with Legislative Rules. Only text enclosed in italicized quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the recordings.

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| Chair English | I. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order. There was not a quorum. |
| Chair English | II. Approval of Minutes (See Exhibit Materials B and C) | Approval of minutes deferred until a quorum is reached. |
| Sean Kolmer | III. Review of draft work plan (See Exhibit Materials D) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hearings Officer Report submission to Department of Human Services (DHS) related. DHS will send out to stakeholders.• Overviewed work plan with focus on Webinar and NHSN training:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ July tasks include July 23 webinar by CDC and NHSN.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Webinar will be recorded. |

- NHSN communications document to hospitals to be circulated to members by the end of the week.
- **August/September** will include in-person trainings that are to be determined.
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) will be assisting in compiling training materials.
- Timeline for laying out strategies and issues that Pennsylvania and S. Carolina about issues they have encountered with similar program is related.
- Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Care Systems (OAHHS) has sent July 23 webinar information.
- Staff will be coordinate with OAHHS and APIC to ensure notification of the website alternative.
- Discussion of format noting that NHSN has a format.
- This will be a new to a large portion of hospitals and that current participation has been voluntary.
- Concern has been expressed by facilities regarding the “reality” of the personnel required for reporting followed by discussion in identifying costs.
- Reference to NHSN training requirements matrix (**see Exhibit Materials E**).
- Discussion on statement from June 23 meeting exhibit document “Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing” regarding statement on page 2 that there would be no “no fiscal impact to other agencies.” Staff related the document is not editable at this point.
 - Discussion on time and costs to hospitals.
 - Data collection methods discussed. Information on active/passive and patient based/laboratory based reporting from CDC document “Outline for Health Care Associated Infections Surveillance,” April, 2006 was related.

Mary Post joined the meeting; quorum was reached.

- **September** work plan schedule includes discussion on:
 - Vermont-Oxford reporting system for Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) reporting; and
 - CMS requirements for nursing facilities.
- **October** work plan discussion includes:
 - Dialysis center reporting; and
 - Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) modules from NHSN with staff noting that module is still not available.
- Number of personnel from each facility to be involved in training discussed.
 - Length of time for completion estimated to be possibly in January, which is acceptable.
 - No tracking of completion by NHSN is currently in the system.
- Suggestion to check progress in November/December to assess need for possible additional training.
 - Staff suggested that this may be a time for OAHHS to coalesce what is happening and relate to the Committee.
- Objectives for end of the year and early next year regarding writing of rules for nursing facilities and NICU’s which will be due July 1.

Chair English

Return to Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes for May 2 and June 23

- Proposal to amend June 23 minutes, Agenda item III. regarding discussion led by Dee Dee Vallier on HAI Public Disclosure rules to state Committee's recommendation to include national levels.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 23 as amended and May 2nd as they stand is seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sean Kolmer

IV. Discussion of Hearing Officer Report and adopted rules (see Exhibit Materials F)

Chair asked for comments on the report which had been circulated. No discussion offered.

Sean Kolmer

V. CDC webinar training: July 23, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm PST (Enrollment, joining a group, conferring rights) (see Exhibit Materials E)

Chair overviewed above discussion noting relating that it pertains to administrative structure and not costs involved.

- CDC reports 11 Oregon Hospitals are actively reporting.
- **Digital security** certificate discussed including necessity for obtainment by hospitals and lengthy turn around time of 10 weeks.
 - Suggestion to begin setting up workshops.
 - Mary Post provided information on upcoming regional APIC conference in Portland on September 26 and setting up training session Thursday, September 25. Discussion on coordinating online access with CDC and expediting 10 week turnaround process.
 - Staff related that digital certification is computer specific.
- A planning group will be formed and will meet on the week of July 21.
- Discussion on CDC involvement with note that support is mainly technical.
- Facilitating completion of digital certifications prior to webinar on July 23 discussed.

Chair English/
Sean Kolmer

VII. Training strategy development

- Develop work group for in-person trainings.
- Staff is communicating with hospitals through OAHHS and APIC.
- Communication with administrators, not only ICPs, is discussed.
 - Mary Post related information on webinar will be included in letter sent to practitioners and administrators.
- Official State agency preliminary notification will be sent to hospital CEOs that relates rules, references HB 2524, and outlines requirements with further information to follow in September. Copy will be circulated to members.
- Membership in APIC and dues discussed. Discussion by committee to take an official stand in support of APIC.
- APIC website related: www.apic.org.

Motion to strongly recommend that the every hospital participate in APIC is seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- It was noted that Mary Post is the President of the Oregon and SW Washington APIC Chapter.

- Clarification made that recommendation is for hospitals only, at this point, and does not include ASCs.
- It was noted that hospitals do not join APIC, individuals are members.
- Discussion on who would be responsible and accountable for coordinating training and tracking completion.
 - Staff related the expectation that the OHPR office will be the responsible authority.

Chair English **VIII. Public Testimony**

No public testimony provided.

Chair English **IX. Other topics and adjournment.**

- Staff related additional information from document regarding data entry and timelines.
- Discussion on lag time from receiving reporting from CDC. When the infection occurred vs. when it is reported and a thirty-day timeline.
- Utilizing PR activities discussed.
- Patient perspective on hospital costs in relation to experience with MRSA related.
 - Debate on estimating costs for hospitals included:
 - Suggestion to demonstrate economic savings if they exist.
 - Support that rationale for reporting is to prevent infections.
 - Dee Dee Valliers challenged that there would be economic savings, stating that hospitals profit from infections caused by hospitals, and that there is a need to stop compensating for treatment of these type of infections.
 - Societal benefit stated. Problems with perceptions on economics and health care related.
 - Staff related that some calculations on costs and savings can be completed.
- Chair English adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Portland State Office Building, Room 918.

Submitted By:
Paula Hird

Reviewed By:
Sean Kolmer

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Agenda**
- B – May 2 Meeting Minutes**
- C – June 23 Meeting Minutes**
- D – Draft Work Plan**
- E – NHSN Training Requirements Matrix**
- F – 409-023 Hearing Report**
- G – 409-023 IR Text**
- H – HAI Rules Public Comment testimony by D. Valliers**
- I – WA Department of Health Enrollment presentation**