

Georgia HAI Advisory Committee Meeting (GHAIAC)
January 26th, 2011
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Attending HAI Advisory members, Renee Watson, Susan Ray, Denise Flook, Cyndra Bystrom, Cindy Prosnak, Mary Key, Nancy White, Steven Marlowe, Denise Leaptrot, Nimalie Stone, James Steinberg, Lynn Reynolds, Robert Jerris, John McGowan, Mike Brown, Marcia Delk, Kate Arnold

Not present HAI Advisory members: Margaret Cousart, Jesse Jacob, Victoria Nahum, Henrietta Smith,

Public Health Adhoc members present: Teresa Fox, Lauren Lorentzson, Cherie Drenzek, Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo

Committee meeting guest: Wendy Vance

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation	Responsible Person(s)	Date for completion or Update
Welcome and Call to order	Teresa Fox	Called to order at 9:20 am			
Minutes	Teresa Fox	Minutes presented and approved without corrections	None		
Introductions	Teresa Fox	New member, Dr. Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo introduced. Behazad Razavi resigned from the committee due to relocation.	None		
FY 2011 IPPS Final Rules (RHQDAPU) Updates	Denise Flook	Presented the CMS (IPPS) ruling. Discussed the impact of ruling on the reporting of HAIs in Georgia. Members were directed to the website hospitalcare.hhs.gov . A flowchart was passed out illustrating how Total Performance Scores will be calculated. This is a budget neutral initiative – hospitals that perform poorly will pay fines that will then be rewarded to hospitals with better scores.	Update committee as needed	Denise Flook	Ongoing
HAI Reporting Law Update	Kate Arnold	Discussed using the current Notifiable Disease Law for reporting HAIs to the state. The positive and negative issues were discussed in using this method for HAI reporting. A statutory authority that would protect data is necessary. A law would allow GSNUG to be explicit about what hospitals can expect when they join; would allow annual reports as necessary; and will allow us to say 'no' to the news media if hospital infection rate data is demanded. States vary in their ability to protect data, depending on interpretation of the law. Hospital Compare publishes rates. Questions were raised concerning funding through legislation and should funding be tied to a direct resource. The state's program is presently funded by ARRA.	Investigate funding and legislative actions for sustaining program beyond Dec. 2011	Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo Teresa Fox	Update April 2011

NHSN Reporting Update	Nancy White	Presented an update on HAI projects that are underway. Reviewed the impact of CMS ruling on IPPS facilities needing to report CLABSI data via NHSN and how it has driven the increase in NHSN enrollment for GA facilities. Updated the attendees on the GA facilities participation with the CDC dominator simplification and validation project and the upcoming 2011 HAI and Antimicrobial Use Prevalence Survey to be conducted in the 20 metro county Greater Atlanta area this summer.	Continue to promote NHSN, coordinate activities related to the HAI and Antimicrobial Use Prevalence Survey and the Denominator Simplification and Validation projects	Nancy White Susan Ray	Update April, 2011
LTC Collaborative	Nimalie Stone	Discussed planned LTC training for infection preventionists across the state. The project is a collaborative supported by CDC, the Georgia QIO (Georgia Medical Care Foundation), state and federal facility regulatory agencies, and DCH. The training sessions are to begin in February, 2011. There are 3 training sessions planned in geographically different locations across the state.	Continue to assess the needs and training opportunities for this LTC project	Nimalie Stone Teresa Fox Cindy Prosnak Melissa Tobin-D' Angelo	Update April, 2011
NHSN Enrollment	Teresa Fox	NHSN enrollment continues to increase. Presently, the NHSN enrollment stands at 102. The enrollment includes 2 children's, 6 LTAC, 2 military, 1 surgical, 1 women and 90 general hospitals. The recruitment for G-SNUG continues to be very low at 2. Anonymous participation is now available.	Continue to recruit for NHSN and G-SNUG	Teresa Fox Nancy White	Update April, 2011
ELC Funding for HAI Activities	Cherie Drenzek	Approximately 250,000 and 500,000 until 12/1/11 (ARRA and State funds). Funding requests from EIP and ELC. \$ 40,000 was proposed for a new HAI Epidemiologist 1 at the State.	Hire Epi 1 and Continue to explore resources for state HAI program	Teresa Fox Melissa Tobin-D' Angelo	Update April, 2011
Collaborative I CLABSI – CUSP	Denise Flook	The CUSP Collaborative was described. Four cohorts in Georgia. Each unit's workers are responsible for their own rates, rather than being told their rates by a QI or ICP. MHA (Michigan Hospital Association) collects the data. It was emphasized that it is possible to have zero CLABSI, and that in fact four hospitals in Georgia reported none for 12 months. The next initiative is to start CAUTIs, and there will be conference calls on February 3 rd and March 2 nd . Members were referred to the website ontheCUSPHAI.org . A challenge will be issued to Georgia hospitals to eliminate preventable harm. It was emphasized that risk adjustment is vital.	To continue to recruit and apply national guidelines and checklists CLABSI and CAUTIs	Denise Flook	Update April, 2011
Collaborative III CDI	Mike Brown Marcia Delk	NHSN surveillance definitions were reviewed. The collaborative's preliminary meetings were convened on 1 st , December 20 th of 010. Inaugural meetings to be held February 7 th with 12 representatives from nursing homes and Wellstar. Goals include a common definition and surveillance method for LTC facilities; follow-ups	Update on collaborative at next meeting	Marica Delk Mike Brown	Ongoing

		to be reported to the HAI committee; to go statewide. Concern was expressed over problems with C. diff being created in hospitals and transferred to nursing homes. The need to educate physicians, nurses, nursing homes was discussed, including the possibility of creating a PDF that can be downloaded at bedside. Problems with C. diff diagnosis and slacking MRSA education were discussed. It was suggested that groups share the protocols they are using – a sample of 2 or 3. The possibility of forming a ‘care transitions group’ was discussed, with lessons learned throughout the state disseminated and validations made on strategies that work. The “Tactical Toolkit” was described. ASM guidelines refined diagnosis. It was suggested that all patients with diarrhea be immediately isolated. An EIP C. diff project is ongoing. Improperly cleaned equipment is often taken from one patient’s room to another as needed, and this can be prevented with a strategy called “Wipe Your WOW,” ‘workstation on wheels.’			
GIPN Mentoring Program	Henrietta Smith	Tabled			Update April, 2011
Public Health Website	Teresa Fox	Presented new DCH HAI website improvements. Discussed proposed communication project with the CDC	Continue to work with CDC communication project	Melissa Tobin-D’Angelo Teresa Fox	April 2011
New Business	Teresa Fox	A recommendation was made that the committee consider inviting a legislator that serves on the Health and Human Services committee. It was suggested that we solicit the local GIPN and APIC Chapters to get involved in contacting their representatives. Investigate methods to promote our group to the legislative and community. Should we increase the consumer presence on the community? Investigate method of producing a state-wide antibiogram. Discussed mechanism to fill a member's position if they needed to give up their responsibility for any reason, and if the membership should be rotating or stable? Discussed formalizing the structure of the committee ---would it include chairperson. Membership and committee structure discussion to be continued at next meeting	List of state healthcare legislator committee GIPN and APIC involvement 2011-2012 Discussion of committee members Membership and committee structure Explore statewide antibiogram	Teresa Fox Cindy Prosnak Teresa Fox Melissa Tobin-D’Angelo Teresa Fox All members Teresa Fox Melissa Tobin-D’Angelo	April, 2011 April, 2011 April, 2011 April, 2011 April, 2011
2011 Meeting	Teresa Fox	Next meeting is April 27 th at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta			

Calendar		Office Park.			
Adjournment	Teresa Fox	Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.			