

Brief Summary of September 22, 2010 HAI Advisory Committee Meeting

At the second quarterly Advisory meeting, the committee discussed the impact of the CMS (IPPS) ruling on the reporting of HAIs in Georgia. The previously selected HAI 5-year targets were discussed and the committee decided to keep the CLABSIs target as stated and to revisit the SSIs targets when the CMS selected surgical procedures are determined. The committee decided to mirror the Georgia's targets to the required elements by CMS. Based upon the CMS "de facto" public reporting ruling, the committee tabled the possible transparency legislation until the impact of this ruling is determined. The committee expressed concern that the infection prevention resources within the state were limited and the new CMS reporting requirements will exceed the resources. (The committee had previously requested a needs assessment be conducted to measure the resources and impact of public reporting.) Thus, two Infection Prevention Needs Assessments were presented, discussed and approved for distribution. The assessments will be used in resource development. Georgia's Advisory Committee continues to support statewide HAI reduction collaboratives, including the long term care infection prevention training (GMCF, state and federal facility regulatory agencies, and CDC), Georgia Infection Prevention Network (GIPN) mentoring program, the Team STEPPS MRSA Reduction (GMCF), and the **ON THE CUSP: Stop BSI and UTI** (GHA).