

Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee

June 27, 2014, 9:30AM

Minutes

Attendance:	
New Castle by video:	Awele Maduka-Ezeh Joanne Hasse Omo Olurin
Kent County at Cooper:	Donna Anderson Marci Drees Kelly Gardner Ehtesham Hamid Brenda Johnson Tabatha Offutt-Powell Paul Silverman Jean Stipe Terri Townsend
Sussex County by video:	~~~
Telephone conference:	Corinne Getchell Maria Eckart Dianne Esry Kathy Wroten Stephen Eppes Nora Protokowicz Helene Paxton Michele Dennis

- I. Call to order, Kelly Gardner, HAIAC Chair, called meeting to order at 9:38 AM.
 - a. Took roll call of phone, video, and Cooper locations.

- II. Approval of minutes
 - a. Kelly asked for review, changes
 - b. Hamid motion to approve, motion passed.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Flu Update for next year
 - i. Will invite Dr. Luta for next meeting to update on contact information received in an effort to partner with other entities.
 - b. Review and Revision to the following: Guidelines for the Management of Multidrug Resistant and other Epidemiologically Important Organisms along the Healthcare Continuum (DPH January 2010)
 - i. The document has been reviewed and there are minor word changes to make, with that in mind, a motion was made to approve, motion passed. Document will be posted to website, Marci Drees may review and request changes.
 - c. Status of HAI Coordinator
 - i. Dr. Maduka expressed gratitude and appreciation for Tabatha Offutt-Powell's 18 months of double-duty leading the office of Epidemiology as well as acting as HAI coordinator, with the last 6 months in triple-duty as the new Center for Data and Public Health Informatics Director. Tabatha has

done a fabulous job!

- ii. Changes were made in the Medical Director's office, with what was once a single position is now two: Head of Office of Epidemiology and Healthcare Associated Infections Coordinator.

- 1. Dr Nhiem Viet Luong, *announcement included at the end of the minutes*, will join DPH on June 30th as the new head of Office of Epidemiology.

- 2. Judy Walrath, PhD is the new Healthcare Associated Infections Coordinator. At the time of the meeting, the position was still open but had been offered. Paperwork to finalize the hire was processing. (The position has since been filled; *the announcement included at the end of the minutes*)

d. HAI Action Plan

- i. Few responses have been received, mostly time line changes

- ii. Action plan matches CDC

- iii. One vote from each hospital, there are 25 voting members, 13 yes votes, the Action Plan is approved and can be posted to the website.

e. HAIAC Annual Report 2012

- i. The 2012 report is complete and ready to post to the website. Tabatha will work with the new HAI Coordinator on the 2013 report, CDC guidelines and changes to groupings,

- ii. Healthcare Workers vaccination report

- 1. DPH is the Administrator

- 2. Two aspects: Patient Safety and Healthcare Worker Safety

- iii. Annual report will be sent to Suzanne to post with the minutes

- iv. Discussion about hits to website, if can measure number of public vs. Healthcare worker hits.

- 1. There is no differentiation now or a way to tell based upon the URL of the visitor. Would have to make an identifier to know who is looking. The number of hits may be an indicator of who is looking, also the hits to consumer page vs. healthcare worker page.

- 2. Ideas to know 'who is looking?':

- a. The number of hits to the website as a whole

- b. The number of hits to the consumer or HC pages

- c. Add a mini-instant-survey to the side of the page – an opportunity not only for consumer vs. HC status, but also give or gather additional healthcare facts or information.

- i. Need to investigate if can add mini-instant-survey,

- ii. Would need to communicate as part of Action Plan, using press releases, other means of advertising to public

- 1. Work with OHRC on this

- d. Paul recommend to assign task to Reports/Communications subcommittee

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Regulations – Kathy Wroten

- i. Has not had meetings or changes other than to add Joanne Hasse to subcommittee

- b. Reports & Communications –Marci Drees & Tabatha Offutt-Powell
 - i. Met to finalize the Action Plan
 - ii. On hold now pending new HAI Coordinator
 - iii. Marci cannot continue to chair, possibly new HAI Coordinator will chair the subcommittee? Discussion continued on concerning replacing chairs, length of term, next vote for Chair and subcommittee (*Sections from the January and March 2013 meeting minutes pertaining to the Nomination & Voting process for new HAIAC members are copied to the end of this meeting's minutes.*)
 - 1. Terms are for 2 years
 - 2. Next meeting, September, may be time to revisit nomination and election process
- c. Membership – Yrene Waldron
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Prevention – Eileen Sherman
 - i. Eileen on vacation, reviewed June subcommittee minutes, attached at end of this minutes report.
 - 1. Target areas: Hand Hygiene and Medical Equipment Hygiene
 - 2. Make available on website new/changes to reporting requirements, current recommendations
 - ii. Discussion about plans to communicate to public what is available for immunization-or campaign to advertise flu or immunization information in general. Reply is that a campaign is DPH standard operating procedure. Further discussion:
 - 1. Work on Wilmington News Journal and other local publication's articles to feature Local Story regarding immunizations, availability, flu information, rather than national perspective
 - 2. Positive message story to tell about Delaware efforts
 - 3. Efforts to ensure healthcare workers vaccinations are complete
 - a. Linking vaccinations to credentialing
 - b. communications to take a stand to recommend all vaccines

V. New Business

- a. Quality Insights Meeting: Statewide Hand Hygiene Initiative
 - i. Terry Townsend met with hospital participants, statewide all levels of care plan to roll out
 - 1. August – 2 days identified to conduct observations and collect data
 - 2. Need to provide standard consistent message to public
 - a. First principal message: Break the Chain of Infection
 - i. Signage, training, hand gel locations, etc.
 - ii. Clean not sterile, reduce RISK
 - 3. Expectation when surveyors arrive is perfection – difficult to attain
 - a. Partner with observers (acute, LTC, etc.)
 - 4. Skills checklist for every setting:
 - a. opportunities,
 - b. conundrums

5. "Standard of Expectation"

- VI. Open Discussion – no discussion
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Next meeting September 26
 - b. Meeting adjourned 10:28AM.

Video and Telephone conference information for September 26th:

VIDEO CONFERENCE SITES: Video Connection to Cooper will be available at the:

- Adams State Service Center in Georgetown, Library and
- Holloway Main Admin Bldg, New Castle, Room 198

Telephone Bridge Lines: Your telephone bridge request has been approved and logged. All callers will need to be given the password to be able to logon to the bridge. Please begin and end your session on time so that other calls may begin on time. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note the following information:

Date of bridge access: 9/26/2014 & 12/12/2014
Start time of bridge access: 9:30am
End time of bridge access: 12:00noon
Duration of bridge access: 2.5 hours

All numbers listed below access this bridge. Please use the number that is local to your county. The bridge phone numbers are:

New Castle County 302-255-2900
Kent County 302-741-8695
Sussex County 302-424-8675
From an Avaya site 52900

Passcode (pin) for bridge access: 498046

June 25, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that **Dr Nhiem Viet Luong** will be joining DPH as the Head of the Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (OIDE).

Dr Luong holds a Doctor of Public Health degree (DrPH) in epidemiology and biostatistics from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center Houston, TX. He also holds a Master of Public Health degree (Maternal and Child Health) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, another Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines and a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from Vietnam.

Dr Luong brings with him a very diverse background. His experience spans clinical medicine (Physical medicine and rehabilitation); International public health agencies (Family Health International and the United Nations Population fund); National public health (the Center for Disease control and prevention - CDC) as well as academia (The MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX).

Most of his work has been focused on the epidemiology of HIV and viral hepatitis as well as tuberculosis. More recently, he has also done work related to cancer epidemiology.

As Head of OIDE, Dr Luong will also serve as the deputy state epidemiologist- a role previously performed by Dr Tabatha Offutt-Powell.

I would also like to use this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Tabatha who has gone “above and beyond” in combining, for the past 6 months, two very tasking/demanding roles- Head of OIDE and Section Chief for Data and informatics.

Please join me in welcoming Dr Luong to DPH as he joins us on Monday 6/30/2013.

Awele N. Maduka-Ezeh MD MPH
Medical Director
Delaware Division of Public Health

August 11, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that Dr Nhiem Luong and I welcome **Dr. Judy Walrath** to the Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology as Epidemiologist 3, Healthcare associated infection (HAI) coordinator.

Dr Walrath holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Public Health from Yale University in New Haven, CT. She also holds a Masters in Epidemiology from the same institution as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Statistics from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Judy brings with her a great wealth of experience from a career that has spanned over 20 years in multiple settings. The organizations in which she has worked as an epidemiologist include: The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Christiana Care Health Services' Preventive Medicine Institute; the American Cancer Society, among others. Most recently (since 2012), she has served as the Chronic Disease Epidemiologist in DPH's Health Promotion and Disease Prevention section (HPDP).

In her new role as HAI coordinator, she will be charged with working with the Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee (HAIAC) and with the infection control practitioners for all DE hospitals in combating the scourge of healthcare associated infections. She will also play a key role in influenza surveillance for the state while serving as one of the team members for DPH's core group of infectious disease epidemiologists.

With regard to organizational structure, she will report to Dr Luong and will be primarily located in the Collins/Cooper buildings in Dover. She can be reached at judy.walrath@state.de.us or by calling 302-744-1050

Please join us in welcoming Dr Judy Walrath to the Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology as she starts in her new role on August 25th.

Awele N. Maduka-Ezeh MD MPH

Medical Director

Delaware Division of Public Health

Sections from the January 2013 and March 2013 meeting minutes concerning the nominating and vote for new HAIAC members on this and the following page.

Friday, *January 18, 2013 @ 9:30 AM*

TOPIC	FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	FOLLOW-UP	STATUS
5.0 New Business			
Proposed Sub-Committee Structure	<p>Dr. Silverman proposed a revised sub-committee structure for the Advisory Committee given its expanded charge (see handout). The subcommittees would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation • Reporting • Membership • Prevention • Communications, drill down to consumers <p>There was discussion about utilizing people outside of the Committee as Sub-committee members. It was agreed that this would be permissible, that sub-committees must be chaired by a Committee member, and that <u>every member of the Committee must be on a sub-committee.</u></p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new sub-committee structure with the above provisions.</p>		Resolved
6.0 Old Business			
Election of New Officers	<p>There was discussion regarding how to go about electing chairs for the new sub-committees as well as Chair of the Committee. DPH will send out a nomination request, check with those nominated, and then send out a ballot. The nomination request should include a brief description of the sub-committees, and also a request of each member to sign up for at least one committee. The nomination request should also include a description of responsibilities of the sub-committee and committee chairs.</p>	DPH to send out nomination request and then ballot.	Pending

Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, *March 22, 2013* @ 9:30 AM
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VI. Old Business

a. Election of New Officers and Subcommittee Leaders

- i. Election results were reviewed
- ii. The committee was reminded that based upon previous decisions:
 1. Chairs must be committee members
 2. Subcommittee members may be anyone, open to the public to participate
 3. Chairs may not have more than one committee/subcommittee
 4. *All members must be in a subcommittee (see red underline in January minutes, above)?*

iii. Votes as shown accepted, elected members accepted positions

1. HAIAC Chair – Kelly Gardner
2. Regulation Subcommittee Chair – Kathy Wroten
3. Reports Subcommittee Chair - Marci Drees
4. Membership Subcommittee Chair – Yrene Waldron
5. Communications Subcommittee Chair – Dr. Tabatha Offutt-Powell
6. Prevention Subcommittee Chair – Discussion how best to meet objectives of the committee.
 - a. K. Wroten nominated Eileen Sherman to chair Prevention Subcommittee
 - b. Eileen Sherman accepted nomination
 - c. Will send out ballot for election of the Prevention Subcommittee Chair

MINUTES

HAIAC Prevention Subcommittee

Date: June 20, 2014

Present: Eileen Sherman, Amy Tomko, Gail Bottomley, Holly Helmick, Terri Townsend, Valerie Devereaux, Ehtesham Hamid, Kellianne Riches

Absent: Elizabeth Hurley, Jane Boudart, Lucy Luta, Michele Dennis, Nora Protokowicz, Helene Paxton, Marie Wright, Omo Olurin

Action Items

1. Objective 2.1: By July 1, 2014, develop content list for prevention recommendations to be publicized.

2. Objective 1.1: By September 1, 2014, determine specific certificate criteria and type of awards; call for nominees.

1. List of prevention recommendations

- Hand Hygiene
 - Focus on consumers, healthcare workers, and all facility types
 - Create tools that will be consistent across all facilities – for example, signage and messaging
- Multi-use medical equipment
 - Guidelines on how to clean, what disinfectant to use, how to store and label as clean
 - This may be a quick project that will be easily instituted in many different settings
- Environment
 - Guidelines on clean environment
 - broad topic that may require detailed project
 - Will need to address different facility types and other settings
- Flu Vaccine
 - Increase healthcare worker and community vaccination rates through education and awareness
 - Post locations where you can get a vaccine
 - Post educational materials
 - What does the DOH Campaign look like for the upcoming season?
 - Do we play a role in that campaign? Or is this all being addressed by the Flu campaign
- Next steps:
 - **Need guidance from the HAIAC on the Flu campaign and whether or not we can assist and play a role in education and communication. Do not want to duplicate efforts here.**

- Eileen to draft project plans for each of the ideas listed above to include time line goals. This project plan will be sent to the group by mid-July. The group will then add their ideas/details so that we can discuss at our August meeting.
- The plan will be sent to the HAIAC for final approval

2. Define Certificate/Award criteria

- Some ideas for this topic were:
 - Get the public involved in telling us what they see and experience.
 - Use APIC and other national organizations to gather ideas on how to establish the award
 - Nominations can come from community or professional groups
 - Ask for success stories - visit these sites to see their results and decide who gets the award
 - Who do we reach out to for stories?
 1. DOH, Insurance companies, DEAPIC, Nursing schools, social services agencies, schools and daycares
- Next Steps
 - Draft the call for nominations
 1. Ask groups to tell their success stories related to prevention of HAI activities
 - **Ask HAIAC for help in identifying ways to reach out for nominations/stories and what types of awards they can support**

From: Luta, Martin (DHSS)

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 2:00 PM

To: Maduka-Ezeh, Awele (DHSS); Talbott, James (DHSS)

Cc: Offutt-Powell, Tabatha (DHSS); Mihok, Suzanne (DHSS)

Subject: RE: DE immunization numbers

Hi. This information is available on the National Immunization Survey Website @

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/imz-coverage.html>.

Children only: DE ranks 9th for 4:3:1:3:3:1 for children 19-35 months {Corrected from: Children only: DE ranks 9th for 7:3:1:3:3:1 for children 19-35 months}

Adolescents/teens only: About 47th for Tdap, 11th for 3 HPVs and about 21st for Meningitis. Please note the teen rankings include cities and some counties also.

Adults only (this was run 2007 only and not by state).

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/nis/child/downloads/nis-adult-summer-2007.pdf>

Let me know if any questions.

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Children only.xlsx



Teens only.xlsx