Minutes of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council
December 17, 2009

Board Room 1586
Alabama Department of
         Public Health
The RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present
Donald E. Williamson, M.D., State Health Officer; Chairman
Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association
Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association
Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama
Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association
Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association
Scott Harris, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Stacey Hollis; Consumer
Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association
Michael Jordan; Business Council of Alabama
Donna Joyner; Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan
Wickliffe Many, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
William McCollum, M.D.; Mineral District Medical Society
Sherry Melton, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association
Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans
Alan Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control
Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Member Absent
Debbie Unger – State Employees' Insurance Board

Staff Present
Toni Bourke, Epidemiology
Nina Hassell, Epidemiology
Tina Pippin, Epidemiology
Kelly Stevens, Epidemiology
Kathy Vincent, Staff Assistant to State Health Officer
Michele Williams, Epidemiology
Charles Woernle, M.D., M.P.H, Bureau of Communicable Disease

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 1 p.m. by the Chairman, Dr. Williamson, and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 17, 2009 Healthcare Data Advisory Council were presented. The Council recommended approval; the motion carried unanimously.

STATE HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) PREVENTION PLAN (EXHIBIT "A"):

Dr. Williamson presented the State HAI Prevention Plan and recommended to the Council that it be approved for submission to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to meet the January 1, 2010, submission deadline. The Council recommended approval; the motion carried unanimously. The Council discussed the use of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) as the HAI reporting system and recommended that the deadline for all hospitals to create their NHSN account and begin sharing data with the Alabama Department of Health (ADPH) be extended to January 2011 to allow hospitals time become familiar with the system and work through any technical issues that may arise. The Council recommended that the HAI Prevention Plan be amended to reflect this change prior to submission; the motion carried unanimously.

HAI ACTION PLAN TARGETS AND METRICS (EXHIBIT "B"):

Kelly Stevens presented information about the HHS HAI Action Plan Prevention Targets and Metrics to the Council and explained the grant requirement to choose at least two targets to show progress by December 2011. Each of nine targets was defined for the group and the corresponding HAI elimination and comparison metrics were described. Dr. Williamson recommended that the Council approve Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI)

and Central Line Insertion Practice Adherence (CLIP) as the two targets.   After discussion, a

recommendation was made by the Council to choose CLABSI and CLIP from medical, surgical,

medical/surgical, and pediatric ICUs; the motion carried unanimously.

HAI REPORTING RULE PROMULGATION TIMELINE <u>(EXHIBIT "C")</u>:

Kelly Stevens presented the timeline for promulgation of the HAI reporting rules to meet

the deadline of August 1, 2010, as required by law. The Council agreed to finalize the goal of

developing rules for approval by ADPH and the Council and submission to the State Committee of

Public Health (SCPH) by March 2010.

HAI REPORTING CATEGORIES <u>(EXHIBIT "D")</u>:

Dr. Williamson presented two proposals regarding HAI reporting categories that meet the

requirements of the law but allow a phased-in approach for additional HAI reporting categories.

Both proposals require hospitals to report HAIs using NHSN. The first proposal would mandate all

hospitals to report CLABSI, *Clostridium difficile* infections (C diff), and Methicillin Resistant

Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections initially, and then phase in reporting Surgical Site

Infections (SSI), Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), and Ventilator-Associated

Pneumonia (VAP). The second proposal would mandate all hospitals to report CLABSI, SSI, and

CAUTI initially and then phase-in C diff, MRSA, and VAP. The Council discussed the proposals and

made a recommendation to require hospitals to report CLABSI, SSI, and CAUTI initially and then

phase-in additional categories over time.   The recommendation was amended by the Council to

specify reporting of CLABSI occurring in medical, surgical, medical/surgical, and pediatric ICUs;

reporting of SSI after coronary artery bypass grafting, colon surgery, knee arthroplasty, and

hysterectomy; and reporting of CAUTI occurring on general medical and surgical wards, not in ICUs. The amended motion passed with a majority of the Council's approval.

Dr. Williamson made a recommendation that a workgroup be formed to include voluntary members of the Council, ADPH, and other interested parties to further discuss the selection of HAI reporting categories and firm up reporting dates for initial categories and subsequent additions. Additionally, Dr. Williamson recommended that the Council meeting scheduled for January 3, 2010, be canceled so that this workgroup would have sufficient time to prepare for the February council meeting, when a more informed discussion could be held. A suggestion was made to hold the workgroup meeting on either the second or third Wednesday of January 2010. By majority vote, the meeting was scheduled for the third Wednesday, January, 20, 2010, at 1 p.m.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The workgroup meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2010, at 1 p.m. The next Council meeting would be February 3, 2010, at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Donald E. Williamson, M.D., Chairman
Healthcare Data Advisory Council

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Kelly M. Stevens, M.S.
Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program Manager

Approved February 3, 2010