

**Minutes of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council  
February 3, 2010**

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  
Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association  
Scott Harris, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama  
Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association  
Donna Joyner; Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan  
William McCollum, M.D.; Mineral District Medical Society  
Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association  
Debbie Unger; State Employees' Insurance Board  
Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

**Members Absent**

Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama  
Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association  
Stacey Hollis; Consumer  
Michael Jordan; Business Council of Alabama  
Wickliffe Many, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama  
Sherry Melton, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama  
Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans  
Alan Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control

**Staff Present**

W.T. Geary, M.D., Health Provider Standards  
Brian Hale, Legal Counsel  
Rick Harris, Health Provider Standards  
Nina Hassell, Epidemiology  
Virginia Johns, Bureau of Communicable Disease  
Seratia Johnson, Epidemiology  
Kelly Stevens, Epidemiology

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 9 a.m. by the Chairman, Dr. Williamson, and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

## **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES (EXHIBIT "A"):**

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

## **MIKE DENTON INFECTION REPORTING ACT – RULE PROMULGATION (EXHIBIT "B"):**

Dr. Williamson presented draft rules of the Mike Denton Infection Reporting Act. The Council discussed each section and paragraph of the proposed rules and made the following motions to modify the proposed rules; all motions to modify carried unanimously.

- **420-4-5-.01 Definitions and Acronyms**
  - (1)(m) “Risk Adjusted” ... delete “*statistical*”; add “*Risk adjustment accounts for patient-related attributes, such as age, gender, or pre-existing conditions, so that comparison of healthcare measures among facilities seeing different mixes of patients is as fair and meaningful as possible.*”
- **420-4-5-.02 Healthcare Facility Responsibilities**
  - (1) Healthcare facilities shall begin ... replace “*reporting*” with “*collecting*” HAI data
  - (4)(c) Notify ADPH....no later than...replace “one week” with “thirty days”
- **420-4-5-.03 Collection Methods**
  - (2) add “*Healthcare facilities shall report HAI data monthly. Monthly reporting shall be completed by the end of the subsequent month.*”
- **420-4-5-.04 Risk Adjustment** delete “*statistically*”

- **420-4-5-.05 Data Validation and Quality Assurance**
  - (b) delete “A principal method for data validation shall be accomplished by ADPH through healthcare records review and parallel database comparison.” Add “Methodologies for data validation shall be approved by the Advisory Council.”
- **420-4-5-.06 Studies and Publications**
  - (1) add “and shall follow the rules of privacy and confidentiality as described in Rule 420-4-5-.07.”
- **420-4-5-.07 Privacy and Confidentiality**
  - Council made no motions to modify
- **420-4-5-.08 Penalties**
  - (1) add “willful and intentional” failure of a healthcare facility...; change fine from \$10,000 to \$5,000 per violation.
  - (1)(a) add “No civil monetary penalty shall be assessed provided the facility complies within 60 days of being notified of a violation.”
  - (1)(b) add the definition of a violation. The Council recommended that the definition of a violation be referred to ADPH Legal Counsel to discuss and draft for consideration of Council approval.

Dr. Williamson made a recommendation that Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) staff draft the modifications to the HAI reporting rules as approved by the Council. Furthermore, Dr. Williamson recommended that the Council discuss and vote on the rules as amended at the next Council meeting scheduled for March 3, 2010.

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

The next Council meeting will be March 3, 2010, at 9 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.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

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