

**Minutes of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council
June 2, 2010**

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

Members Present

Charles Woernle, Assistant State Health Officer, representing Donald E. Williamson, M.D.,
State Health Officer; Chairman
Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association
Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama
Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association
Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association
Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association
William McCollum, M.D.; Mineral District Medical Society
Alan Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control
Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Members Absent

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association
Scott Harris, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Stacey Hollis; Consumer
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
Sherry Melton, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association
Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans
Debbie Unger; State Employees' Insurance Board

Staff Present

W.T. Geary, M.D., Health Provider Standards
Brian Hale, Legal Counsel
Nina Hassell, Epidemiology
Melissa Morrison, Epidemiology
Tracy Shamburger, Epidemiology
Kelly Stevens, Epidemiology
Sharon Thompson, Epidemiology

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 9 a.m. by Dr. Charles Woernle, Acting Chairperson representing Dr. Williamson, and roll call was taken. A quorum was not present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES (EXHIBIT "A"):

The minutes of the May 5, 2010, Healthcare Data Advisory Council could not be presented as a quorum was not present. The minutes will be deferred to the next Council meeting for consideration for approval.

CMS PROPOSED RULE TO ADD HAI REPORTING TO THE INPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT RULE:

Ms. Stevens presented a summary of the proposed rule and noted the deadline for submission of comments. The Advisory Council discussed the proposed rules and opined that the time line for healthcare facilities to begin reporting HAIs was too aggressive. The Advisory Council further opined that the number of locations proposed to include for central line-associated bloodstream infection reporting and the number of surgeries were too numerous, making data collection overly burdensome to healthcare facilities. The Advisory Council stated that its focus should remain on the Alabama mandate and suggested that a comment be submitted by the Advisory Council requesting the proposed time line be delayed to allow healthcare facilities adequate time to train and prepare for reporting. Brian Hale, ADPH Legal Counsel, clarified to the Advisory Council that there would need to be a quorum present for the Advisory Council to draft and submit a collective comment, but that individual persons and healthcare facilities could submit comments on behalf of the specific individual or their agency. Since a quorum was not present, the Advisory Council suggested that Dr. Williamson submit comments on behalf of the

Health Department. Dr. Woernle agreed and encouraged members to submit individual facility/agency comments. Ms. Blackmon with AlaHA confirmed that AlaHA would be submitting comments.

NHSN FACILITY TRAINING AND EDUCATION:

Ms. Stevens presented an update regarding National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) facility training and education. The Advisory Council commented positively and acknowledged that the facilities appear to be on schedule to meet the goal to begin reporting pilot data for the fourth quarter of 2010.

CDC STATE SUMMARY REPORT:

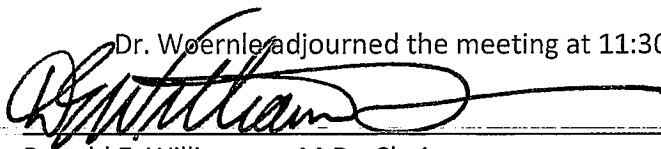
Ms. Stevens notified the Advisory Council that the CDC had issued the first in a series of reports that provides state-specific and national HAI data. The full report is posted on the CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion website. A shortened, one-page version has been published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. These reports include state-specific standardized infection ratios (SIRs) for central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) and surgical site infections (SSIs), for only those states with mandates to report these specific HAI categories to CDC's NHSN. Data used in the reports were from January 2009 through June 2009.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The next Council meeting will be July 7, 2010, at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Woernle adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.



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

Kelly M. Stevens

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Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program Manager

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