

Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisor Council

October 10, 2012

9:00 a.m.

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

Members Present

Dr. Donald Williamson, M.D.; Chairman, State Health Officer
Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama
Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association
Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association
William McCollum, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association
Foster Ware; Business Council of Alabama
Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Members Absent

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association
Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association
Julie Boothe, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association
Stacy Hollis; Consumer
Donna Joyner; Public Education Association of Health Plans
Claude Kinzer, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans
Debbie Taylor; State Employee's Insurance Board
Randall Weaver, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Staff Present

Nadine Crawford; Communicable Disease
Robert Kurtts; Communicable Disease
Dagny Magill; Communicable Disease

Mary McIntyre, M.D.; Disease Control & Prevention

Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease

Harrison Wallace; Communicable Disease

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 9:06 by Dr. Williamson. Roll call was taken. A quorum was not present.

HAI PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR DISCUSSION:

The Alabama 2011 Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Report was updated to reflect the new data pull in accordance with the motion made during the September 12, 2012, Healthcare Data Advisory Council meeting. All National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Facility Administrators and Users were notified that the final data pull would be used in the data analysis of the Alabama 2011 HAI Report.

Nadine Crawford, Alabama HAI Coordinator, presented information about the catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) data changes, specifically with regard to the facilities which removed infections from NHSN. Due to the change in the NHSN CAUTI definition in 2012, concerns had been raised that facilities may have erroneously utilized the incorrect definition in their surveillance. Nadine spoke with all facilities that removed CAUTI infections from NHSN for 2011, and verified that the correct CAUTI definition was used, and that all CAUTI infections removed from NHSN were justified.

“Join the Health Journey,” the new campaign of the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA), is a collaborative campaign which aims to provide information on best practices, patient safety, and prevention efforts. The three areas of focus in the campaign are infection prevention, improving communications, and medication safety. Keith Granger, AlaHA Representative, presented mock-ups of the proposed Website, logo, and graphics. The campaign will be rolled out concurrently with the release of the Alabama 2011 HAI Report and during a press conference and satellite broadcast. The tentative release date will be the second or third week of November.

Kelly Stevens, Epidemiology Division Director, presented the final educational information that was developed by the ADPH HAI program staff. The materials include three flyers for healthcare professionals on catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), central line blood stream infection (CLABSI), and surgical site infection (SSI) prevention, as well as three brochures for the general public on CAUTI, CLABSI, and SSI prevention. The material was developed in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is being distributed to any Alabama healthcare facility or

provider upon request. Additionally, the material will be presented at the HAI Grantee Meeting in early November and will be made available for other states to customize and use.

Dr. Mary McIntyre, Assistant State Health Officer for Disease Control and Prevention, briefed the Council on the multistate fungal meningitis/infection outbreak associated with contaminated drug injections. Though Alabama does not currently have reported cases of patients exposed in-state, Alabama does have residents who received treatment in other states and were exposed to contaminated products. The Council discussed the difficulty in following distribution chains, especially as product is often transferred between facilities. Discussion followed regarding protocols for insurance companies to provide reimbursement for prophylaxis in the case of such an outbreak to patients exposed to contaminated products, or similarly in patients without a diagnosis for hepatitis, or without a positive rabies lab test in the case of rabies. Several council members offered to research this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 10:22 a.m. The next Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2012.

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

Nadine Crawford M.S.N., R.N.
State HAI Coordinator