Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisory Council

September 3, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Suite 1770

Alabama Department of

Public Health

The RSA Tower

Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Donald Williamson, M.D., State Health Officer

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

Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association

Claude Kinzer, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

William McCollum, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association

Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans

Randall Weaver, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Members Absent

Julie Boothe, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Stacy Hollis; Consumer

Donna Joyner; Public Education Employee Health Insurance Plan

Alan M. Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control

Debbie Taylor; State Employees' Insurance Board

Foster Ware; Business Council of Alabama

Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Staff Present

Nadine Crawford; Communicable Disease

Sherri Davidson; Communicable Disease

Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease

Organizations Present

Teresa Fox; Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dr. Williamson. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from June 19, 2013, September 11, 2013, and May 7, 2014 were presented. Motions to approve the June, September, and May minutes were made and seconded; each motion passed unanimously.

HAI 2013 ANNUAL REPORT:

The HAI 2013 Annual Data Report was presented to the Council for review and approval to publish. Kelly Stevens explained changes to the report format including highlighting in green the "zeros" representing no infections and moving locations from where data was collected to the heading in each table. Ms. Stevens noted that HAI staff did not receive comments from reporting facilities during the 45-day review period. The Council opined that the changes in format would prove helpful for public understanding. The Council discussed future updates to the annual data reports such as placing more focus on decreasing catheter days and adding the number of beds for each location. A motion to approve the report for publication was made and seconded; the motion passed unanimously. A press release announcing the publication will be scheduled for October. The Council requested HAI staff research the availability of a date for a press conference with Dr. Williamson in order for the report to gain more recognition and visibility.

HAI FACILITY SITE VISITS:

The State HAI Coordinator, Nadine Crawford, informed the Council that she selected 19 hospitals for on-site visitation based on facility's failure to sustain performance, history of poor performance, a new Infection Preventionist, and/or first time visit. During each site visit, a total of 5 medical records were selected from a positive urine culture line list for the time frame of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013. Ms. Crawford explained that the hospitals faired very well; most hospitals had noted attending training and had correctly applied National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) CAUTI criteria, key terms and definitions. Council members noted appreciation for both the validation visits and training, which provides more confidence that data submitted is accurate and meaningful.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2014.

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Donald E. Williamson, State Health Officer

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Nadine Crawford M.S.N., R.N.

State HAI Coordinator