

Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisory Council

June 29, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Suite 1586
Alabama Department of
Public Health
The RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Thomas Miller, M.D.; Acting Chairman, Deputy Director of Medical Affairs

Brenda Duncan; Alabama Hospital Association

Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association

Elliott Lipinsky; Governor's Consumer

Roslyn Jett; Alabama Hospital Association

Donald Jones; Alabama Hospital Association

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

Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association

Members Absent

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association

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

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

Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans

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

Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

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

Staff Present

Kahlia Bell; Communicable Disease

Nancy Bishop; Professional Support Services, Pharmacy

Sherri Davidson; Communicable Disease

Teresa Dix; Center for Emergency Preparedness

Evelyn Geeter; Clinical Laboratories
Tammy Langlois; Communicable Disease
Mary McIntyre; Disease Control & Prevention
Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease
Harrison Wallace; Communicable Disease

Organizations Present

Teresa Fox; Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation
Rosemary Blackmon; Alabama Hospital Association

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Miller. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from December 11, 2015 meeting were presented but could not be considered since a quorum was not present.

2015 HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) PRELIMINARY DATA:

HAI Coordinator/Epidemiologist, Joanna Johnson, stated that the 2015 9-month preliminary data reports were sent to the facilities in January for review. Currently, Ms. Johnson is reviewing data for the full 12 months for the 2015 Annual HAI Report. It is anticipated that the 2015 Annual HAI Report will be ready to send to the facilities for their 45-day review by October, 2016.

HAI FACILITY VALIDATION VISITS:

The Council was informed that Ms. Tammy Langlois and Ms. Johnson will conduct validation visits to review 2015 data. Visits will be made to 22 hospitals, and facilities will be selected using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HAI Validation Tool Kit. The Council discussed options for validation visits, such as using completed Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services validations for facilities that are also selected using the CDC Validation Tool Kit. The Council voiced understanding that changes may not take place for validation visits to review 2015 data, however, HAI staff will review these options and incorporate any allowable changes in the validation plan.

EBOLA AND SERIOUS INFECTIOUS DISEASES READINESS PROGRAM - HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS:

Ms. Langlois provided information on the progress of hospital assessments for hospitals in Alabama which have volunteered to serve as Ebola Assessment Hospitals. Public Health teams have conducted initial visits to Huntsville Hospital and the University of Alabama in Birmingham Hospital. A visit is scheduled for the USA Medical Center in Mobile on July 28, 2016. It is anticipated that all three hospitals will receive approval to be named Ebola Assessment Hospitals by December 31, 2016 and a public announcement will be scheduled soon after.

HEALTHCARE DATA ADVISORY COUNCIL (HDAC) WORK GROUPS:

Ms. Langlois and Ms. Johnson presented flyers developed to promote the new HDAC Work Groups: Healthcare Infection Control & Prevention Readiness, and Antimicrobial Stewardship. The Council discussed recruiting members for the Work Groups. Suggestions can be sent to Ms. Johnson and Ms. Langlois via email.

COUNCIL APPOINTEES:

Kelly Stevens provided information to the Council regarding members whose term would be ending in July, 2015. Those members include: Claude Kinzer, Julie Booth, and Randall Weaver. Letters have been sent to the appointing authorities for these members requesting new appointments. A suggestion by the Council to amend the code to allow for meeting participation via teleconference was made. Although it is difficult to amend the code, this suggestion will be discussed with General Counsel.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016.

Date: _____

Thomas Miller, Acting Chairman
Healthcare Data Advisory Council

