



ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP WORKGROUP

AGENDA

Date: April 18, 2019

Location: Board Room of the Alabama Nursing Home Association

Time: 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Attendees:

By phone: Marilyn Bulloch, Darrell Childress

In person: Leigh Ann Hixon, Teresa Fox, Rosemary Blackmon, Melanie Chervony, Katrina Magdon, Ramandeep Kaur, Vicki Walker

I. Welcome and Update from ADPH

Leigh Ann Hixon

Antimicrobial Stewardship Manager

Leigh Ann announced the new competitive grant that came out in February had a stipulation that the position she has held should be a doctorate/Epidemiologist. Ramandeep Kaur will be new Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Manager. Leigh Ann Hixon will move to the Opioids to Action Grant (CDC Grant) within the Pharmacy Division of ADPH.

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Workgroup is sponsoring the Alabama Infectious Disease Society (ALIDS) conference in July. Not much activity between now and then.

The makeup of the antimicrobial stewardship workgroup will change with the new grant. Ramandeep will be in touch with everyone regarding this change. The new grant is for 5 years. Leigh Ann extended her thanks to everyone in the workgroup and expressed it had been a pleasure working with everyone and she had learned a lot during her time as the Antimicrobial Stewardship Nurse Manager.

II. Update from AQAF

Teresa Fox

HAI Performance Improvement Advisor, AQAF

Teresa Fox – What has been going on with QIO Program. There have been 108 physician practices and EDs working with the Inappropriate Use Initiative. Antibiotics prescribed for upper respiratory infection – 10 days within office visits – CDI rates and cross reference with data from heat map. Initiative began interventions with selected facilities. They looked at comparison May 2017-June 2017 to May 2018-June

2018 to gauge relative improvement rate. The recruited facilities saw RIR decrease and state showed improvement. Second graph shows penicillin use, last few months was higher but as education began, after talking with Alabama Nursing Home Association and Alabama Hospital Association there were significant drops. Cephalosporins were lower for last month than statewide, but when averaging stayed constant especially 3rd and 4th generation. After the Initiative began, there was a steep decline in their use. Rocephin and antibiotic within 10 days showed a steep decline in recruited facilities, but there was no change in non-recruited facilities. Scope of work (12) is to work with nursing homes and all health care related facilities, currently recruiting facilities to participate. Teresa was thanked by the group for all of her work with the workgroup. Teresa thanked everyone for their help with project and stressed importance of this work group. The grant has allowed an opportunity to create synergy by all working together in the project and has resulted in consistent messaging across the board.

Darrell expressed being glad to see Rocephin/antibiotic trend. As soon as new data has been uploaded through December 2018, Teresa will share with group.

III. Update for ANHA

Katrina Magdon

Director, Professional Development & Regulatory Affairs

Katrina stated that ANHA had completed a 3-day infection control workshop in December 2018. They are not planning a new one since CDC came out with their online training in March. ANHA Newsletter is the main source of information including information from Teresa and Leigh Ann that is sent to all facilities across the state. Any outbreaks in other states and how to handle them will be in the newsletter that will go out this week. Newsletter goes out every Friday and regional directors cover hot topics in their meetings. Information to be placed in the newsletter must be received by ANHA no later than Thursday mornings; the info will be published in the newsletter that Friday. If it is received after the Thursday morning deadline, it will be in next week's newsletter.

IV. Update from AlaHA

Rosemary Blackmon

Executive Vice President

No updates given

V. Additional Items

Darrell stated that he is really excited for summer and the July 20 ALIDS Conference. Secured funding for pharmacists, nursing and physicians and all disciplines will be speaking. Christopher Bland from Georgia will be speaking and the other speakers are in Alabama. They will be sending flyers out soon. Max capacity for conference is 125. He was pleasantly surprised by last years' turnout so they increased the number this year. Lunch will be free, and CEs will be offered. There will be snacks and vendors – software companies, antibiotics, rapid diagnostic. They are hoping to expand next year. Darrell said he is appreciative of the support and assistance received in getting the word out. Registration link: <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/pharmacy/ce/index.html>

Melanie Chervony and Ramandeep Kaur introduced themselves to group. They will be the ADPH Antimicrobial Stewardship contacts hereafter.