

Minutes of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council
May 5, 2010

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

Members Present

Kathy Vincent, Staff Assistant to the State Health Officer, representing Donald E. Williamson, M.D.,
State Health Officer; Chairman
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
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
William McCollum, M.D.; Mineral District Medical Society
Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association
Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Members Absent

Scott Harris, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Stacey Hollis; Consumer
Sherry Melton, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans
Alan Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control
Debbie Unger; State Employees' Insurance Board

Staff Present

W.T. Geary, M.D., Health Provider Standards
Nina Hassell, Epidemiology
Tracy Shamburger, Epidemiology
Kelly Stevens, Epidemiology
Sharon Thompson, Epidemiology
Charles H. Woernle, M.D., M.P.H., Bureau of Communicable Disease

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 9 a.m. by Kathy Vincent, Acting Chairperson representing Dr. Williamson, and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES (EXHIBIT "A"):

The minutes of the March 3, 2010, Healthcare Data Advisory Council were presented. The Council recommended approval; the motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RULE – COMMENTS AND RESPONSES – (EXHIBIT "B"):

Ms. Vincent presented four comments received during the open comment period regarding the proposed rules of the Mike Denton Infection Reporting Act. The Council discussed each comment in detail and after each discussion made a motion to approve the Council's responses to the comments; all motions carried. The Council moved to acknowledge all comments with a response, approve the proposed rules as written with no additional amendments, and forward the comments, responses, and proposed rules to the State Committee of Public Health requesting formal adoption of the rules; the motion carried.

HHS TECHNICAL REVIEW OF SUBMITTED STATE HAI PLAN – (EXHIBIT "C"):

Ms. Stevens presented the HHS Technical Review of the State HAI Plan for information and discussion. The Council acknowledged the strengths and weaknesses noted in the report and commented that the review was positive and that much work had been accomplished since the plan was submitted and the review completed. The Council recommended review of the plan at a future Council meeting so that an updated plan could be submitted before the end of the year.

CDC STATE SUMMARY REPORT:

Ms. Stevens notified the Advisory Council that this spring CDC will issue the first in a series of reports that provide state-specific and national HAI data. In May 2010 a full report is scheduled to be posted on the CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion website. A shortened one-page version will be published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. These reports will 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 National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Data used in the reports will be from January 2009 through June 2009.

HAI FACILITY TRAINING AND EDUCATION - (EXHIBIT D):

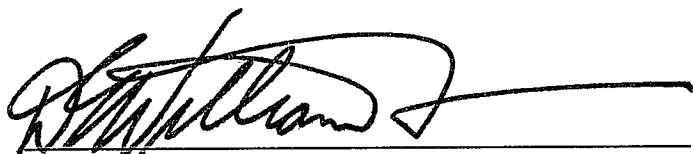
Ms. Stevens presented a summary of the ADPH HAI training plan. The training guide and time line were discussed and the new ADPH HAI webpage was presented. The presentation was followed by an update of the regional training kick-off meetings.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The next Council meeting will be June 2, 2010, at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.



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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