

Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisory Council

June 19, 2013

10:00 a.m.

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

Members Present

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

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association

Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association

Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama

Beth Goodall; 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

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

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

Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association

Donna Joyner; Public Education Employee Health Insurance Plan

Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans

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
Kenya Johnson; Communicable Disease
Mary G. McIntyre, M.D.; Disease Prevention and Control
Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease
Harrison Wallace; Communicable Disease

Organizations Present

Rosemary Blackmon, Alabama Hospital Association

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Dr. Miller. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES (EXHIBIT "A"):

The minutes from February 13, 2013 and April 24, 2013, were reviewed. A motion to approve both the February and April minutes was made and seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

HAI PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR DISCUSSION:

Sherri Davidson, Epidemiologist Supervisor, presented the 2012 final data overview including requests from facilities to accept data changes presented after the April 5, 2013 deadline to request changes. Changes included the addition and subtraction of colon and hysterectomy procedures, missing locations/units, and changes in national performance levels for facilities with no infections and an SIR. The Council opined that if a facility did not meet the April 5, 2013 deadline to submit requests for changes, those changes should not be reflected in the 2012 HAI Final report. Furthermore, the Council remarked that if the goal for each facility is zero infections, then changing the national performance from "N/A" to "Similar" or "Better" based on the given confidence interval with facilities that have a measurable statistical infection ratio (SIR) would be very beneficial in terms of providing information to consumers. A motion to approve both the previously submitted data, accepting only the data received by the April 5, 2013 deadline, and changing the national performance rating from "N/A" to "Similar" or "Better" for facilities with zero infections and an SIR was made and seconded; the motion passed

unanimously. The Council requested HAI staff contact all facilities that requested changes to their data after the April 5th deadline to inquire as to whether or not the facility administrator wishes to include a comment in the final published report.

HAI RULE AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to the Healthcare Infection Reporting Rules to add new locations to reporting categories were presented to the Council. New locations include all adult and neonatal intensive care units (ICU) in addition to locations currently mandated for adult and pediatric ICUs for reporting central line bloodstream-associated infections, and all adult and pediatric ICUs in addition to wards currently mandated for catheter-associated urinary tract infections. The amendments to the rules would align Alabama hospital infection reporting with federal reporting requirements already in place, and thus adding these reporting locations does not add an additional burden to Alabama hospitals reporting HAIs. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendments; the motion passed unanimously. Amendments will be submitted to state committee for approval for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 11:00. The next Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2013.

Date: _____

Thomas M. Miller, M.D., Acting Chairman
Healthcare Data Advisory Council

Date: _____

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