





Wyoming HAI Prevention Advisory Group (WHAIPAG) Conference Call Minutes March 1, 2012, 1:00pm

- Ellen introduced the group to Etta Hunzicker.
 - o Etta is a retired school teacher, and a new member of medicare
 - o She will bring a consumer, patient, and medicare beneficiary perspective to the group
 - She will help us to think outside of our boxes
- Because we have some new members to the group, Emily gave a brief synopsis of the background and diversity of the group. Topics covered included:
 - The WHAIPAG mission, vision and goals
 - The list of the current healthcare sectors represented in the group (acute care, long term care, critical access, ambulatory surgery, dialysis, regulator, public health, epidemiology, quality improvement organizations, hospital associations, ambulatory surgical associations, laboratories and pharmacies)
 - o The format of the conference calls, which is relaxed, informal, ask a question at any time, feel free to interrupt if going too fast or need more clarification
- Emily next addresses comments and questions from the previous meeting evaluation and others that came up between the time of the last conference call and now.
 - The person who mentioned a request to "shift comparison reports from "infections to processes" was not on the call to elaborate. Emily thought that perhaps we were already on the right track with the current CLABSI and future CAUTI practice surveys which were discussed later in the call.
 - O A request was made to provide the conference call phone number and passcode on the meeting minutes. Emily asked the group if they were opposed to posting the meeting minutes on the WDH HAI website. Because the website is open to the public, this would likely require us to leave that information off as well as participant names at the top. The group was not opposed to posting the minutes on the website. Additionally, the group agreed that continuing to email the call-in information would be sufficient.
 - The issue of duplicate reporting of HAI data was also brought up in the time between this and the previous meeting. Emily gave the names of the various quality improvement initiatives and the leading organizations responsible for the data collection that she was aware of in Wyoming. These include: the HAI Prevention Project with MPQH, On the CUSP Stop BSI project with the Wyoming Hospital Association, and the Quality Health Indicator or QHI project for CAH's run through Kansas. In the future there will be the Health Exchange Network (HEN) which is part of a nationwide initiative called Partnership for Patients and will go through the Wyoming Hospital Association. Emily was unsure of the exact data that must be reported for the QHI. Sheila offered to send Emily a copy of the CMS Core Measures. The data required for the CUSP project was supposed to go through NHSN, and there may still be away to "share" data entered into NHSN for the MPQH HAI Prevention Project with the system used for the CUSP, but Neil was not on the call for comment. Additionally, Jan with MPQH is currently in the process of putting together a table that details exactly what HAI related data is currently required for reporting through what surveillance system,

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and for which project or CMS payment/reimbursement rule. Emily will share this table with everyone as soon as she gets a copy. It was Emily's assumption that the WHAIPAG could help to facilitate the coordination and hopefully eliminate duplicate reporting when members are made aware of a new inititive or project beginning in Wyoming.

- Emily gave updates on agenda items from the previous meeting:
 - The WHAIPAG webpage is up and running. You can visit at http://www.health.wyo.gov/phsd/epiid/HAIAdvisory.html Emily shared that this site is devoted to the WHAIPAG and solicited feed back on content additions, deletions, changes. The look of the site isn't as easily changed due to constraints from the WDH IT department.
 - The WHAIPAG list serve ready for use. For those of you unfamiliar with a list serve, it is an email address that you can use to communicate with the entire group without the need to type in individual names/addresses or use your group function. It is a private group, and only Ellen can add or delete member addresses contained in the list. In order to be part of the list serve, please contact Ellen Williams at ewilliams2@wyqio.sdps.org or 307-577-7743. Additionally, instructions for the use of the list serve are at the end of this document.
 - New members to the group were introduced and welcomed. They include: Cindy MacDonald from North East Wyoming Surgery Center, an ASC in Gillette, and Etta Hunzicker from Casper.
 - o CLABS and CAUT infection and denominator data is now being collected from all 27 hospitals in Wyoming (not including the VA hospitals). MPQH is collecting the data via NHSN and will have aggregated baseline rates by facility type and statewide for comparison in about 6 months or so. Deb mentioned that a Montana VA is currently participating in NHSN. Additionally, she is trying to determine what percentage of VA's across the US are already using NHSN. Deb is also working on developing a business case for utilizing NHSN to provide her directors.
 - The CLABSI prevention practices assessment survey results have been tabulated, aggregated and are now available in a report that was provided to all WHAIPAG members prior to this meeting. This was discussed at length, and a summary of this discussion is below.
 - The CAUTI prevention practices assessment was sent to all hospital infection preventionists last week. They have until this week to complete the survey. The results will be tabulated, aggregated and a report should be available for the WHAIPAG to review at the next meeting.
- Emily presented the results of the CLABSI Prevention Practices Assessment Survey to the group.
 - The survey was the first in a series that will occur over the next three years. It was to assess the current practices in place in Wyoming hospitals in relation to preventing CLABSIs.
 - o Emily read the highlights from page 3 as well as the areas for improvement on page 4.
 - The group seemed to agree the report was well organized and nicely displayed. They also agreed that the areas for improvement were important.
 - Deb offered a suggestion to create a more detailed survey to attempt to tease out the reasons why some of these practices and policies were not in place.
 - Etta offered a suggestion, in addition to finding out why policies and practices are <u>not</u> in place, it would be good to also find out why some prevention methods are practiced by so many. It would also be good to determine what is working well.

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- Emily offered a suggestion to perhaps create similar surveys to distribute to other healthcare types like ASCs and dialysis clinics. A concern was raised that there weren't enough dialysis clinics to make any good comparisons or conclusions. Darlene suggested that in the future we could probably work with the Colorado HAI group to compare HAI rates and prevention practices to those facilities in CO.
- Emily was concerned about survey fatigue. Patti and others in the group said that the surveys are not burdensome. More often, the problem is remembering to complete them.
- o Another suggestion made was to make comparisons of this data to HAI rates when they are available.
- o This data will be compared to results of the same survey repeated in a year to see if improvements have been made and more hospitals are using the same methods.
- The Learning and Action Network sessions hosted by MPQH are a good place to address the suggestion Etta offered in terms of learning what works from various hospitals themselves. The LANs are based on a "teach all, learn all" philosophy.
- Emily solicited ideas for short term goals from the group. None were provided at the time.
- The next meeting will be on *Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 1pm*.

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WHAIPAG List Serve Instructions

Welcome to the new WY HAI Prevention Advisory Group listserv. The listserv host is Mountain-Pacific Quality Health. Please feel free to email or phone me directly with any concerns or questions. Ellen ewilliams2@wyqio.sdps.org, 307-577-7743.

The email listserv is intended to increase communication amongst WHAIPAG committee members devoted to improving the health care of people in Wyoming. By becoming a member of the listserve, you will receive notifications of upcoming events, pertinent and up-to-date information and be able to discuss Infection Prevention issues pertinent Wyoming and the group's work. The WY HAI Prevention Advisory Group listserv is a tremendously effective way to communicate between meetings and to discuss pertinent issues or questions.

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- o When posting messages use the following email address: wy-hai-prevention-advisory@astro.lyris.net
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