



Wyoming HAI Prevention Advisory Group (WHAIPAG) Conference Call Minutes December 8, 2011, 12:00pm

- Emily Thorp introduced the sponsoring organizations and co-leader Ellen Williams
 - Sponsoring organizations include the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health (MPQH)
- Emily gave a brief overview of HAI prevention activities at the state level.
 - WY does not have a mandate to report HAIs
 - HAI prevention is everyone's business
 - WDH is partnering with MPQH and WHA to support their current efforts in HAI prevention
 - A webpage within the WDH website is currently under construction. It will include information for the public, healthcare providers, infection preventionists, and a section for the advisory group.
- Ellen gave a brief overview of the HAI Prevention Project through MPQH.
 - The HAI Prevention project was developed as part of the 10th Scope of Work required by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - Acute care and critical access hospitals were invited to join – all 27 hospitals/CAH's have joined (not including veterans administration hospitals) and next week CMS will be presenting Wyoming and MPQH with an award for obtaining 100% participation!
 - The project involves hospitals/CAHs reporting HAIs, as well as process measures into NHSN (the web-based surveillance system created and hosted by the CDC). It also involves hosting Learning and Action Network sessions (LANs) in which hospitals, CAHs, dialysis centers, long term care facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, etc. may join in on a webex and learn from each other. The project also involves implementing Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) culture training and evidence based best practices into all participating hospitals.
- Ellen gave a brief overview of the CUSP project the Wyoming Hospital Association is working on because Neil Hilton was not available
 - CUSP is a nationwide initiative that began in Michigan. It involves implementing a safety culture, and evidence based best practices related to the prevention of Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI), and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI).
 - There are 8 hospitals in Wyoming participating
- The group agreed to record the rest of the meeting. Ellen will provide details on how to access the recording.
- Future meeting frequency and dates and times were not determined as this is a question on the meeting evaluation. Baerbel mentioned that the first two weeks of the month are better. Deb mentioned that noon works for everyone in attendance today. Claudia deferred to Janet.
- The group agreed to allow WDH to post the participating organizations/facility names on the WDH webpage once finished. Deb will ask leadership for permission first.
- Everyone agreed to allow distribution of contact information among WHAIPAG members only.
- The group agreed that email is the best strategy for communication between meetings.



- Emily will continue to keep notes for the foreseeable future and provide meeting minutes within 1 week of meetings/conference calls. Additionally, WHAIPAG members will have the opportunity to provide edits to these minutes.
- The WHAIPAG vision, mission and purposes were discussed. The option to comment on all of these is also available to WHAIPAG members while providing edits to meeting minutes.
 - WHAIPAG vision was changed to read: ***The people of Wyoming are guaranteed safe, high quality care at all healthcare facilities throughout the State.***
 - WHAIPAG mission was basically agreed upon as: ***To prevent the occurrence of healthcare-associated infections through the standardization and implementation of evidence-based interventions in all healthcare facilities in Wyoming.***
 - WHAIPAG purposes were basically agreed upon as stated:
 1. To determine priorities for HAI prevention in Wyoming.
 - a) Set achievable goals within those priorities.
 - b) Establish measurable milestones.
 - c) Evaluate the progress and sustainability of HAI prevention.
 - d) Re-evaluate and update priorities for HAI prevention.
 2. To foster collaboration among organizations and individuals with similar vision.
 3. To provide a coordinated approach to HAI prevention
 - a) Facilitate coordination and execution of national goals at local levels
 - b) Foster collaboration among organizations and individuals with a similar vision
 4. To provide guidance for the Wyoming HAI Learning and Action Network
 5. Identify and strategize ways to reduce disparities that may exist in HAI prevention
- The group discussed who would be responsible for collecting, analyzing, collating and distribution state wide HAI data, and that would be MPQH as there are some legal issues with WDH gathering the data and housing it on their computers.
- Deb with Cheyenne VA will check with leadership to determine if they will be able to participate in the HAI Prevention Project.
- The group determined our priorities for HAI prevention in the state will include the following:
 - Zero HAIs is the ultimate priority
 - Second tier priorities include getting a baseline statewide rate for the following:
 1. CLABSI
 2. CAUTI
 3. SSI in the future
 4. *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) in the future
- The group determined the current goals are the following:
 - Collect data for state wide CLABSI rates in both PPS hospitals and CAHs
 - Collect data for state wide CAUTI rates in both PPS hospitals and CAHs
 - Collect data on state wide prevention methods currently in place across the state for CLABSI
 - Increase participation of other types of healthcare providers in the WHAIPAG such as ambulatory surgical centers, dialysis centers and long term care
- Emily will find out what other states are doing in terms of collecting and comparing HAI rates in CAHs



- Ellen gave a brief overview of the LANs what guidance may be necessary in the future for these sessions.
 - The first LAN was held on November 17th and covered forming a facility based HAI prevention team, as well as the first two elements of the CUSP model including educating staff on the Science of Safety and implementing a program in which frontline staff identifies defects in safety.
 - The next LAN will be held January 12th at 10am
 - All healthcare facility types (acute care, critical access, dialysis, long term care, urgent care, and ambulatory surgical centers) have been invited to join the LAN sessions
- The next WHAIPAG meeting will be held in January on a date and time most convenient to the whole group as determined by results of the online evaluation
- Please don't forget to complete the meeting evaluation at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WHAIPAG12-2011callEval>. It will be open until the close of business 12/16/2011.