



Wyoming Infection Prevention Advisory Group Conference Call Minutes March 7, 2013, 1:00pm

1. Emily introduced the new group logo and acronym. We will be putting these on all future publications, presentations, etc.
2. The IP Resource Database has been completed.
 - a) Thanks to Cassie for hard work in completing it and for continuing to upload articles for us! It is hosted on the WHA website.
 - b) Thanks to Neil and Dan and the WHA for funding the project as well as hosting the database now and into the future.
 - c) A few more minor changes will be made on the site and some more documents added.
 - d) There are currently or will be nearly 100 total articles, guidelines and regulations in the database.
 - e) We hope to go live by the last week in March.

Russ will send CMS Regulation documents to Cassie after speaking with supervisors.

Cassie will contact IT again about getting the articles to them for up loading and adding collaborating organization logos.

Emily will send an official email out to the group and all IP contacts and ask those in other communities to pass it along such as Home Health, public health nursing, assisted living, GEC, etc. with the final website address and short description.

3. Ellen provided an update and details regarding the 3rd Annual IP Education Conference.
 - a) Dates: April 17 and 18th
 - b) Location: The Ramada Inn, Casper, WY
 - c) Invitees:
 - i. The brochure and registration information have been sent electronically to the following groups: hospital IPs, ASC Association, Pharmacy Association, Public Health Nursing, WHA CEO listserv, Labortorians, LTCF IPs, etc.
 - ii. Paper brochures will be mailed to Plant Managers and Environmental Services Departments in all hospitals.
 - d) Registration: online hosted by the GEC (Geriatric Education Center), open through April
 - e) Pharmacy CEUs: Karen beach with the Pharmacy Association is working on gathering the necessary documents for attending Pharmacists to gain CEUs.
 - f) Laboratory CEUs: Gayle Stevens with the Public Health Laboratory is working on gathering the necessary documents for attending laboratorians to gain CEUs.
 - g) Neil wrote a paragraph about the conference in the WHA Newsletter that should go out Friday, March 8.
4. Emily provided the results of the Doodle Poll for the 2nd In-Person WIPAG meeting.
 - a) Date/time: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 1pm to 5pm
 - b) Goals of the meeting include evaluating the strategic plan, creating a map for the future and additional discussions as they come up during today's meeting.
 - c) Location: TBD, Casper, WY
 - d) Travel Reimbursement: will be handled the same as last time. One night lodging, travel expense and per diem will be reimbursed by the WDH.
 - e) Conference call-in will be made available for those whom cannot attend in person.

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Emily will identify a specific location and reserve a conference room in Casper as near to the Ramada as possible.

Emily will send a letter requesting your attendance with details and reimbursement instructions by March 29, 2013.

5. Emily asked the group if they would be interested in starting a CRE (Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae) education for providers and/or surveillance project for the state of Wyoming.
 - a) The CDC recently published a Vital Signs Report and Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on CRE and its increased spread across the U.S.
 - b) CRE has gained a lot of media attention and the WDH has received several inquiries as to the rates of CRE in Wyoming.
 - c) The WDH does not monitor CRE.
 - d) The group agreed there could be some benefit to embarking on at least an Educational project in the future.
 - e) The group decided to think about it and discuss actions during our in person meeting in April.

Emily will put this topic on the agenda for the April meeting.

WIPAG - Please think about the possibility of, value of, and ideas for engaging in a CRE project across the state of WY. What would we need, how would we arrange it, who would we include, etc.?

6. Emily provided an update for the data subcommittee.
 - a) Three questionnaires have been created. One for ASCs, one for LTCFs, and one for dialysis centers.
 - b) Goal of the questionnaires are:
 - i. to characterize the different facilities in the state in terms of size, demographics, resources, IP education level and previous training
 - ii. to determine the current HAI surveillance practices in each facility type
 - iii. to determine current HAI prevention practices in each facility type
 - c) Dialysis and LTCF questionnaires have been edited by industry experts. We are waiting for a response from someone in the ASC arena.
 - d) Contact information for DONs (directors of nursing) and IPs for dialysis and LTCFs have been gathered. We are waiting for a response from someone in the ASC arena.
 - e) The committee would like input on the questions from the WIPAG as a whole.

Emily will send the drafts to the WIPAG for review by Friday, March 8, 2013.

WIPAG - Please review and send edits back to Emily by the COB Friday, March 15, 2013.

7. Ellen provided an update for the Resources Subcommittee.
 - a) The listserv for IPs is technically out of date, and therefore may be challenging to get a cost estimate.
 - b) The committee will have a list of infrastructure funded by MPQH and cost estimates by the June WPIAG meeting.
 - c) After the IP conference, they'll have a better estimate of the cost of the conference with 2 years of information.
 - d) The committee doesn't have any needs at this time from the WIPAG as a whole.
8. Ellen provided a quick update on the HAI rate data entered into NHSN (national healthcare safety network) by hospitals across the state.
 - a) No Statewide aggregated data reports were available today. She will provide them for the next monthly WIPAG meeting.

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- b) CLABSI (central line associated blood stream infection): 1 CLABSI occurred in a WY facility in December 2012.
- c) CAUTI (catheter associated urinary tract infection): CAUTI rates have increased slightly across the state. Ellen has asked facilities to perform a root cause analysis with the next CAUTI that occurs in order to determine what factors were involved and that could be mitigated in the future.
- d) CDIFF (Clostridium difficile): Cdiff rates are pretty low across the state. Only 4-5 facilities reported more than 6 infections per 10,000 patient days. Of those 4-5 facilities, 2 or 3 only had 1 actual infection in the 6 months of data collection which indicates a small numbers problem.
- e) The group would like to see statewide aggregated reports for MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) bacteremia rates and SSI (surgical site infection) rates that are entered into NHSN.
- f) KUDOS! To all hospitals in Wyoming for entering their 4th Quarter Data into NHSN on time!!
- g) 2011 National NHSN HAI rate data will be published in the APIC (Association for Professionals in Infection Control) journal in April.

Ellen will have statewide aggregated reports for the following infections and facility types reporting them into NHSN for the April WIPAG meeting.

Infection Type	Facility type reporting data into NHSN
CLABSI	PPS hospitals and CAHs (critical access hospitals)
CAUTI	PPS hospitals and CAHs
CDIFF	PPS hospitals and CAHs
SSI (colon and hysterectomies only)	PPS hospitals
MRSA bacteremia	PPS hospitals

Emily mentioned that Darlene with the ESRD Network 15 may be able to put together some similar reports of HAI data entered into NHSN from Wyoming dialysis facilities, with some comparison data to other states in the network.

Emily will contact Darlene to see if she can provide this information at the next WIPAG meeting.

- 9. No one from the Engagement Subcommittee was in attendance to provide and update. However, Ellen mentioned the status of the Hand Hygiene campaign with Alicia's organization, ASAP (Alliance for Safety Awareness for Patients).
 - a) Alicia sent all her postcards and posters to Ellen for distribution.
 - b) Ellen has had great response from IPS on the listserv requesting the postcards, magnets and posters.
 - c) Ellen was able to add the WIPAG logo to the materials.
 - d) Ellen is just waiting for an electronic copy in order to print more materials.
 - e) MPQH distributed a press release for Patient Safety Awareness week this week that talks about the collaboration between WIPAG and ASAP.

Russ mentioned that it would be great to have a small business card of some sort to hand out in facilities that has our logo and maybe a website address or contact information for IPs and other HCPs (healthcare providers) or quality departments to have as easy immediate access to resources for questions that come up during the survey process.

Emily will put this topic on the agenda to discuss during the April WIPAG meeting.

- 10. Julie gave an update from Veronica on the status of the Education Subcommittee.
 - a) Veronica will have the education needs assessment survey finalized and sent to Emily by Friday, March 8, 2013.

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- b) The group discussed the option of making this survey into one that can take multiple forms such as a SurveyMonkey online questionnaire now, and a paper form to leave at facilities to complete at their leisure after a CMS regulatory survey for example.
- c) The group discussed devising away to perform this assessment more than just this one time. Perhaps perform it once a year to help plan for the next year education conference, but also on a more regular basis throughout the year.
- d) The group decided to discuss these options more in depth in the April meeting.
- e) The group also decided to combine this survey with those from the data subcommittee in order to reduce “survey fatigue”☺

Emily will put discuss options for ongoing education needs assessment on the agenda for April WIPAG meeting.

Veronica will send Emily the final Friday, March 8, 2013.

Emily will create a Survey Monkey survey send the education needs assessment from Veronica to hospital IPs for completion ASAP.

Emily will combine the two finalized questionnaires (1. Education needs assessment, 2. Data survey) and send to LTCFs, ASCs, and Dialysis ASAP.

11. The next meeting will be IN-PERSON Tuesday, April 16, from 1pm to 5pm in Casper!!!