

**NEVADA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED
INFECTION TASK FORCE MINUTES**

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**May 5, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Place of Meeting:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
3811 W. Charleston Blvd.
Suite 205
Las Vegas, Nevada 89012 89706

Video Conferenced to:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way
3rd Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

Teleconference Line: 1-888-557-8511- conference code: 7845036

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Thorson, Project Manager, HealthInsight
Elena Mnatsakanyan, Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC)
Heather Holmstadt, Washoe County Health Department (WCHD)
Ihsan Azzam, Medical Epidemiologist, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE)
Kathy Johnson, University Medical Center Hospital (UMC)
Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Southern Nevada Health District Office of Epidemiology (SNHD)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dustin Boothe, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)
Joan Hall, President, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP)
Kimisha Causey, Health Program Specialist II, (OPHIE), HAI Coordinator

NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Adrian Forero, Health Facilities Inspector III, (OPHIE) (Kimisha Causey's Proxy)
Andrea Rivers, Health Program Specialist II, (OPHIE)
Chidinma Njoku, Health Facilities Inspector I, (OPHIE)
Crystal Harjo, Health Resource Analyst
Daniel Mackie, Disease Control Specialist, (OPHIE)
David Schmitt-Culp, Health Facilities Inspector I, (OPHIE)
Jared Fitch, Health Facilities Inspector (OPHIE)
Judy Dumonte, Health Program Specialist (OPHIE)
Lorne Belt, Health Program Specialist II, (OPHIE)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ali Garcia
Beck Ally
Julia Kiehlbauch
Linda Verchick
Stephanie Van Hooser

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Adrian Forero called the Nevada Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Task Force meeting to order at **10:40 a.m.** This meeting was video conferenced from the Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) office in Las Vegas to the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health in Carson City. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law [NRS 241.020](#) & [NRS 232.2175](#) this meeting agenda was posted at the following locations:

Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC), Las Vegas; Nevada Department Health and Human Services (NDHHS), Carson City; NDPBH, Las Vegas; NDPBH, Carson City; Nevada State Library Archives, Carson City; Legislative Council Bureau, Carson City; Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas; WCHD, Reno; Elko County Library, Elko; the NVHAI web site at http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/HAI_Advisory_Group/; and the public notice web site at <https://notice.nv.gov/>.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL – CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Introductions were made at all locations/teleconference line and quorum was met.

3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Forero announced the First Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. Hearing no comments, Mr. Forero moved to the next agenda item.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2017

Mr. Forero asked for approval of the January 20, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Forero motioned to approve the meeting minutes

SECOND: Ms. Zuwen Qui-Shultz seconded the motion

PASSED: All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously

5. PRESENTATION ON HAND HYGIENE SURVEY RESULTS.

Mr. Forero presented on hand hygiene survey result from nursing programs throughout the state. This survey serve as a guide to show what components of hand hygiene schools in Nevada are excelling in and what components they could improve on such as the monitoring of hand hygiene.

6. UPDATE ON INFECTION PREVENTIONIST TOOLKIT.

Ms. Chidinma Njoku stated that progress is being made on the infection preventionist toolkit and that the office is trying to get everyone to work together to complete the tool kit. The chapters left include topics such as environmental services, Laboratory, Construction and Renovation, and Antibiotic Stewardship. Ms. Njoku stated that OPHIE will be on the lookout for a CIC certified IP to edit and approve chapter.

7. UPDATE ON VRE RESISTANCE AT LOCAL HOSPITALS.

Ms. Zuwen Qui-Shultz stated that a VRE surveillance project was started in September and four VRE specimens, Two from VHS, one from UMC and one from Sunrise, were sent to CDC for antibiotic resistance confirmation. Ms. Qui-Shultz stated that as of today, only one specimen which was submitted by UMC lab might be multi-drug resistant VRE as it was not sensitive to Distamycin and intermediate to Linezolid but was resistant to Ampicillin, Levofloxacin, Penicillin, Rifampin, Streptomycin Synergy and Vancomycin. The only antibiotics that this VRE specimen was tested sensitive was Gentamicin Synergy. Ms. Qui-Shultz stated that SNHD plans on sending out letters to IPs and lab directors regarding the VRE surveillance in order to obtain more specimens.

8. DISCUSS MITIGATION STRATEGIES – DAVID SCHMITT-CULP AND CHIDINMA NJOKU

Mr. Jared Fitch stated that the Antimicrobial stewardship toolkit serves as a guide to assist Nevada facilities with implementing, maintaining and upgrading their antimicrobial stewardship program. Many members throughout the state who have been selected as individuals/facilities with best practice methods, have assisted with providing additional information, and comments, suggestions and edits. Mr. Fitch stated that the office is currently in the process of incorporating many other toolkits that have been created in the community in an effort to create on complete toolkit that is inclusive of all facility types and settings and subcommittee meetings began this week, and in the upcoming months, stakeholders from all facility setting types including dental and veterinary will be attending. The final goal is to have one overarching, interactive toolkit that is fully inclusive.

Ms. Njoku stated that OPHIE is currently working on a Hand Hygiene training with Yukon learning. The office is developing a course on hand hygiene to distribute to schools and healthcare facilities as needed along with resources such as audit forms and reportable disease list.

9. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Forero announced the First Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. Hearing no comment, Mr. Forero moved to adjourn the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forero adjourned the meeting at 11 am.