

**NEVADA HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HAI) ADVISORY GROUP  
MINUTES**

**November 6, 2015  
2:00 p.m.**

**Place of Meeting:**

**Health Care Quality and Compliance  
4220 South Maryland Parkway  
Suite 810, Building D  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**

**Video Conferenced to:**

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way  
Room 301  
Carson City, Nevada 89706**

**Teleconference Line:**

**AT&T Conferencing  
Dial-In Toll Free Number 1-775-684-4311  
Participants Code #688945**

**ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kimisha Causey, Health Program Specialist II, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE), HAI Coordinator  
Dustin Boothe, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)  
Elena Mnatsakanyan, Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC)  
Joan Hall, President, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP)  
Lori Isaccs proxy for Ellen DePrat, HealthInsight  
Linda Verchick, Southern Nevada Health District Office of Epidemiology (SNHD)  
Marissa Brown, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)  
Melissa Bullock, Washoe County Health District (WCHD)

**ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ihsan Azzam, Medical Epidemiologist, OPHIE  
Kathy Johnson, Infection Control Manager, University Medical Center Hospital (UMC)  
Linda Feola, Marketing Director of Infection Prevention, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals

**NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Adrian Forero, Health Facilities Inspector III, OPHIE  
Jessica Conner, Health Facilities Inspector II, OPHIE  
Karli Dodge, Health Resource Analyst I, OPHIE  
Laura Erskine, Sentinel Event Registrar, OPHIE  
Malinda Southard, Health Program Specialist I, Public Health Preparedness (PHP)  
Mona Lisa Paulo, Health Facilities Inspector I, OPHIE

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Becky Bayley, Program Manager, NRHP  
Christina Hartman, Nevada State Public Health Lab (NSPHL)  
Doris Dimmitt, Epidemiologist, Carson Tahoe Health Systems (CTHS)  
Windi Altemeyer, Renown Health System  
Ying Zhang, Southern Nevada Health District

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Kimisha Causey called the Nevada Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Task Force meeting to order at **2:00 p.m.** video conferenced from the Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) 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/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/HAI_Advisory_Group/) ; and the public notice web site at [notice.nv.gov](http://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**

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

## **4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Causey asked for approval of the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes. The following changes/edits were suggested and will be made to the minutes:

- Dustin Boothe’s last name has an “e” at the end.
- Page two, item five, first paragraph, last sentence “participates” will be changed to “participants.”
- Page three, item seven “mention” will be changed to “mentioned”

Ms. Causey asked for approval of the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes with the changes mentioned above.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Ms. Causey motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the changes/edits</b>
<b>FIRST:</b>	<b>Ms. Altemeyer first the motion</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Ms. Brown seconded the motion</b>
<b>PASSED:</b>	<b>All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously</b>

## **5. DISCUSSION ON THE EDUCATION TOOL FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION**

Ms. Causey stated that since a lot of members are not present and attending the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) meeting that the discussion on the education tool for infection prevention and control competency examination would be postponed until the next meeting so they can participate.

## **6. SELECTION OF FACILITY TYPES FOR INFECTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENTS**

Ms. Causey stated a randomized list was created for each facility type from the list of state licensed health care facilities provided by Health Care Quality & Compliance (HCQC), which includes rural critical

access hospitals, long term acute care hospitals, rehab hospitals, acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and skilled nursing facilities. There were sixty six facilities selected, the facilities selected are the first eleven facilities on the list for each of the facility types. Seventy five percent of the sixty six facilities selected will need to be inspected, a minimum of fifty facilities will be assessed per the grant requirements. One to three assessments and follow ups will be done each month over the next two and a half years. A tool has been created by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for each facility type which will be used during the assessments. These are educational assessments not regulatory assessments.

**MOTION:** Ms. Causey motioned to accept the sixty six facilities for the hospital infection prevention assessments  
**FIRST:** Mr. Boothe first the motion  
**SECOND:** Ms. Brown seconded the motion  
**PASSED:** All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously

## **7. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The group discussed the next meeting date and it was determined Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. would be set as the next meeting date, depending on room availability.

## **9. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Causey announced the Second Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. As no comments were made, Ms. Causey closed the second public session.

## **10. ADJOURMENT**

Ms. Causey adjourned the meeting at **2:20 p.m.**