

**NEVADA HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HAI) TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**February 18, 2016
10:30 a.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:

**Dial-In Toll Free Number 1-775-887-5619
Conference Code 2001#**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimisha Causey, Health Program Specialist II, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE), HAI Coordinator
Ali Garcia Proxy for Dustin Boothe, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)
Elena Mnatsakanyan, Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC)
Ellen DePrat, HealthInsight
Joan Hall, President, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP)
Kathy Johnson, Infection Control Manager, University Medical Center (UMC)
Linda Feola, Market Director Infection Prevention, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals
Marissa Brown, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)
Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Southern Nevada Health District Office of Epidemiology (SNHD)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ihsan Azzam, Medical Epidemiologist, OPHIE
Melissa Bullock, Washoe County Health District (WCHD)

NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Adrian Forero, Health Facilities Inspector III, OPHIE
Daniel Mackie, State Epidemiologist, OPHIE
Judy Dumonte, Health Program Specialist I, OPHIE
Julia Peek, Deputy Division Administrator, OPHIE
Karli Dodge, Health Resource Analyst I, OPHIE
Laura Erskine, Sentinel Event Registrar, OPHIE
Lorne Belt, Health Program Specialist II, OPHIE
Mona Lisa Paulo, Health Facilities Inspector I, OPHIE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Isaacs, HealthInsight
Michelle Sotero, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Rochelle Natale-Pappalau, Infectious Preventionist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kimisha Causey called the Nevada Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Task Force meeting to order at **10:50 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 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 November 6, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION:	Ms. Causey motioned to approve the meeting minutes
FIRST:	Ms. Brown first the motion
SECOND:	Ms. Hall seconded the motion
PASSED:	All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously

5. DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE AND THE OPEN MEETING LAW

Ms. Causey advised that when the board members comment/discuss on the state social media page that they could meet quorum unknowingly and be in violation of the open meeting law as a notice needs to be sent out if discussions are to ensue by board members. Board members should be cautious when discussing HAI Task Force topics online via social media.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE EDUCATION TOOL FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION

Ms. Causey stated that this is a copy written document, so please do not take anything from the document, it is to be used only as a guide. Ms. Natale-Pappalau stated that in some states it is a requirement to receive infection control training prior to each renewal of the nursing license, similar to Nevada's law. The syllabus was developed by the university teaching hospital and shared with the local Association from Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) to share with other facilities in the state of New York. Each infection preventionist in the New York community uses the sections of the syllabus to offer trainings to their staff in order to stay current with the infection control policies that pertain to their facility type. Each year the infection preventionist offers trainings to local nursing staff and provided them with the certifications. Some hospitals choose to use the syllabus as part of their credentialing process. Each facility developed their own competency exam. APIC is responsible for updating the

syllabus on an annual basis as needed. Ms. Causey inquired if this syllabus is something they could use in their facilities for infection control training. Ms. Brown stated that they already do similar trainings in the hospitals, there is really nothing in this syllabus that they don't already cover. Ms. Mnatsakanyan stated she has her own twelve week program that she has used three times and she is going to use a fourth time that includes all of the topics in the syllabus that the state of New York currently uses. The program that Ms. Mnatsakanyan uses is specifically designed for those who have not had any infection control experience and it has been successful, one person has already been through it and has become certified within eighteen months of starting the program. Ms. Brown stated so your program is to certify someone in infection control, Rachelle is this curriculum to certify someone in infection control? Ms. Natale-Pappalau stated this is for anyone to renew their nursing license they had to have some kind of infection control training to meet New York's state requirements. It was made clear that this curriculum is able to completely train someone in infection prevention and ready them to be certified. Ms. Natale-Pappalau stated this started seven years ago and does not know. Ms. Natale-Pappalau will reach out to the advisory council to find out if HAIs decrease in facilities after this curriculum is introduced, as well as other outcome measures. Ms. Causey noted this curriculum would be great to get into nursing schools so they join the workforce already trained in infection prevention. Ms. Sotero agreed, however, she stated there are a number of different models in use. Health care providers have a decent, basic level of understanding of infection prevention but there are systemic issues that contribute to Nevada's higher rates. She stated we need to look at those systemic issues and determine if education is one of them.

All calls were disconnected from the conference – due to technical issues.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Ms. Causey stated she would get with Laura and see what rooms are available and set another date for the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Causey adjourned the meeting at **11:53 a.m.** due to technical issues.