

NEVADA HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HAI) TASK FORCE MINUTES

**November 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Place of Meeting:

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
3811 W. Charleston Blvd.
Suite 205
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102**

Video Conferenced to:

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4126 Technology Way
2nd Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89706**

Teleconference Line:

**Teleconference Line: 1-888-557-8511
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TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Thorson, HealthInsight
Dustin Boothe, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)
Heather Holmstadt, Washoe County Health District (SNHD)
Kimisha Causey, HAI Coordinator, Health Program Specialist II, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE)
Sandra Larson, State Epidemiologist, OPHIE
Becky Bayley, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP)
Kathy Johnson, University Medical Center Hospital (UMC)
Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Southern Nevada Health District Office of Epidemiology (SNHD)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kimisha Causey called the Nevada Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Task Force meeting to order at **10:30 a.m.** This meeting was video conferenced from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 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://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/HAI_Advisory_Group/; and the public notice website 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

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

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – July 6, 2018

Kimisha Causey asked for approval of the July 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Julie Kiehlbauch requested to edit item number 9 on the meeting minutes to reflect the correct CRE statistics in Northern Nevada.

MOTION: Donna Thorson motioned to approve the meeting minutes
SECOND: Kathy Johnson seconded the motion
PASSED: All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously

5. DISCUSSION OF DRUG USE REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Chidinma Njoku with OPHIE shared a letter recently sent out through Division of Health Care Financing and Policy that approved the recommendations provided by the Drug Use Review Board, regarding criteria for the prior authorization of antibiotic agents. Many attendees in the meeting shared their concerns about patients being unable to receive antibiotics once this authorization policy is passed. Many attendees had concerns that this would bring a negative, and dangerous outcome to patient care in general, would discourage doctors from prescribing in order to prevent being in violation of the policy, and would create a delay in treatment to patients in need of antibiotics. Kimisha Causey reminded attendees this policy did not come from OPHIE, and that if there were any further concerns, that OPHIE would refer them to the appropriate agency that is responsible for approving this policy. Gerard Marshall mentioned that there will be a webinar in December to discuss the policy. Kimisha Causey stated that she would gather more information on the webinar and share it with the HAI Task Force. OPHIE also shared information about an upcoming webinar hosted by Division of Health Care Financing and Policy speaking about this policy and providing education on it. This webinar was to be hosted on December 4th, 2018, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

6. DISCUSS KPC-CRE OUTBREAK IN RENO, NV GROUP HOME

Adrian Forero with OPHIE provided a summary on the outbreak of KPC-CRE among staff and residents in a state-licensed residential facility for groups in Reno, NV. The investigation was conducted by OPHIE, Washoe County Health District (WCHD), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There was a total of 9 cases (4 staff, 5 residents). Deficiencies in infection control and prevention were found during the investigation at the facility. Education was provided to the staff members of the group home. CDC has developed infection control recommendations specific to the group home setting and an infection control assessment tool for the group home setting. OPHIE utilized the assessment to determine that the transmission of CRE had stopped.

7. CREATING ACTION PLAN FOR HAI PLAN INFECTION TARGETS

Kimisha Causey with OPHIE suggested creating an action plan for HAI plan infection targets. In the past, a subcommittee that works outside of the HAI task force meeting, was formed to develop action items, sending out education, to develop and effective method to decrease the risk of infection and bringing awareness to the community. Many meeting attendees agreed to create a subcommittee separate from the HAI task force meeting. Rochelle Nielson, Norman Wright, Jessica Murray, and Teri Lynn nominated themselves as subcommittee members. Kimisha stated a separate email will be sent out to this group to develop working on definition and action plans for the state HAI Plan. Donna Thorson also suggested including others from the community into this subcommittee meeting. It was also suggested to send an invite to the Northern Nevada Infection Control meeting participants for the HAI plan subcommittee.

8. RELEASE UPDATED INTERFACILITY TRANSFER FORM

Kimisha Causey with OPHIE stated on the previous HAI task force meeting, it was suggested that Vancomycin intermediate Staphylococcus aureus (VISA) and Vancomycin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (VRSA) be added to the infection list, these two infections have been added to the infection list on the form. There is now a portion at the bottom of the form for the transferring facility to include a contact name and number for the receiving facility to use for gathering information on pending lab results. The form is available on the state HAI website.

9. DISCUSS MECHANISM TESTING LABORATORY TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Kimisha Causey with OPHIE shared information about the mechanism testing laboratory training being held on November 14, 2018, from 2:00PM-3:00PM. Lab staff from the Nevada State Health lab to answer any questions during the training, and the objective are to provide education on the significance on CRE and importance of screening, training on proper method of screening, and proper method of collecting and shipping to Nevada State Public Health Lab. Donna Thorson asked if the webinar training will be record. Kimisha Causey stated it will be recorded. A question was asked about when the recording will be shared to the attendees. The recording will be posted at a future date.

10. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Friday February 8, 2019 from 10:30am - 12:00pm.

11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimisha Causey announced the Second Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. Hearing no comments, Kimisha Causey moved to adjourn the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Kimisha Causey adjourned the meeting at **11:40 a.m.**