

**Minutes of the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) and Preventable Adverse
Events (PAE) Advisory Panel Meeting
October 26, 2010**

Advisory Panel Attendees:

Jan Patterson, Jane Siegel, Pamela Warner, Gail VanZyl, Patti Grant, Bruce Burns, Beth Pickens, Marilyn Christian, Lisa McGiffert, Charlotte Wheeler, Alison Hight, Gary Heseltine, Darryl Jordan, Susan Mellott, Linda Stephens

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Jan Patterson, the chair of the advisory panel, called the meeting to order at 10:35am. She welcomed the Panel and guests. She also welcomed Dr. Valadez.

2. Review of minutes from the August 2010 meeting:

The minutes from the August 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 2010 meeting minutes and all panel members moved to approve the minutes.

3. Announcements and introduction of new staff

Dr. Susan Penfield was recognized by the panel chair and she introduced Dr. Dan Pollock and Jason Snow from the CDC surveillance branch and HAI manager, respectively, both of who are stationed in Atlanta.

4. Status of the HAI Legislative related initiative and Texas Administrative Code rules

The panel chairperson noted that the HAI/PAE rules had been published in the *Texas Register* October 22, 2010. The chairperson asked for volunteers to assist the department in reviewing and responding to the public comments that may be made on the published rules during the open comment period. The chairperson volunteered, as did panel members Marilyn Christian, Patti Grant, and Lisa McGiffert.

5. Presentation of facility enrollment start-up guide

Ms. Jennifer Steinhausen presented the start-up guide that the department will be posting on the DSHS HAI/PAE website. It will include details as to how to sign up for NHSN, enrollment in the "Texas" group for reporting, what , and how to report according to Texas rules, law, and guidance.

Lisa McGiffert stated that she thought that there may be an issue with facilities that had multiple CMS/NHSN account numbers. Jennifer replied that facilities will need to contact NHSN to receive individual numbers for each of their facilities licensed in Texas. Each facility should have only one NHSN number for that licensure.

6. Status of the HAI training and collaborative contracts

Mr. Ron Gernsbacher presented the status of the HAI training. The department and APIC's have a signed contract and work will begin on a train the trainer 2 day session

November 30 through December 1. The first of 15 training sessions around the state will be on December 3, 2010, in Fort Worth. Training materials will be sent to the department for review and further communications will take place between the department and APIC about the training prior to the train the trainer session.

Ms. Christian asked about the communications between the contractor and the ASCs around the state regarding the upcoming trainings. Mr. Gernsbacher replied that APIC as part of the contract would be handling the primary advertising about the trainings and the department will be reviewing APIC's plan and contact list to help insure appropriate communications with stakeholders.

7. Report on DSHS application for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Funding

Mr. Jeff Taylor reported that the department is formulating a request to CDC for additional funds for HAI related activities. The request was being prepared and included additional funding resources and activities under the existing ECL grant. The request would have several components, including positions for staff stationed around the state in 7 regional offices.

Following that, Ms. McGiffert ask Dan Polluck (from CDC) how the sign up was progressing for NHSN reporting

Mr. Polluck thanked the panel for inviting him and stated CDC was doing everything they could to make the technical structure simple and provide for human help support for facilities as they enroll. He said they were trying to make it as efficient and simple as possible. He stated that as of October 2005 there were 300 facilities enrolled in NHSN, and currently there were over 3,000 enrolled facilities. He also said that throughout this period CDC has learned a lot on how to make it easier for facility staff to enroll and report and have worked with facility staff to collaborate in doing so. He said they continue to add technology resources, servers, and improvements on the load capacity and balancing for reporting. The CDC has added help desk staff and is working on moving away from a certificate based security system to a SAMS system early in 2011. He also indicated that they were changes that will be implemented soon to allow state health departments' access to data from facilities within their state without the facility having to enroll in a state group. Dr. Patterson asked if facilities should wait to enroll until after these changes occur. MR. Pollock indicated that they should not. That NHSN will take steps to re-enroll facilities under the new system and facilities should not need to do anything. He said that due to that CDC is prepared to add additional staff to help that transition.

Ms. McGiffert asked if the changes would be implemented by the end of the year for the new security sign-up process and she was told it would be closer to July 2011.

Ms. McGiffert suggested having a subcommittee on PAE reporting. Letting the subcommittee look at how other states are reporting PAE and how Texas might pursue

the reporting of PAE. Volunteers for the subcommittee were Ms. Mellott, Ms. VanZyl, and Mr. Jordan. A teleconference would be set up by state staff for initial discussions.

Dr. Patterson reviewed the action items and items for next agenda:

1. Telephone conference for PAE reporting subcommittee to be set up,
2. Rule consulting subcommittee will review the department's responses to comments,
3. Legislative update,
4. Rule update,
5. Contract update,
6. Election of new chairperson,
7. Data validation update

Next HAI/PAE Advisory Panel Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 10:30.

11. Adjournment

Dr. Patterson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.