

**Public Health Region 11 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023
10:00 AM**

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Table 1: PHR 11 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee member attendance at the 10/3/2023 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Jose Campo Maldonado	X				
Luis Cerda	X				
Brian Frescas	X				
Melissa Knerr	X				
Juan Vidal		X			

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order

Ms. Vanessa Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

Agenda Item 2: Meeting minutes approval

The minutes of the previous meeting of May 2, 2023 were brought to a vote for approval. A quorum of members was in attendance for the vote.

- Dr. Frescas motioned to vote to approve the minutes.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado seconded the motion.
- Ms. Pierce called on each member to cast a vote.
- The minutes were approved unanimously with four yes votes.

Agenda Item 3: All chairs meeting feedback

A meeting was held recently between the chairpersons of the antimicrobial stewardship (AS) regional advisory committees. Dr. Campo Maldonado was not able to attend, but he provided a summary from the meeting minutes. The chairpersons shared common ideas and proposed stewardship activities for their regions. Dr. Campo Maldonado noted there is a common interest in obtaining regional antibiograms and providing education how to use the antibiograms to guide treatment. The advisory committee had no questions for Dr. Campo Maldonado.

Agenda Item 4: Available resources

At the previous meeting in May, it was suggested to share ideas and available resources pertaining to antimicrobial stewardship (AS). Highlights of the discussion included:

- Dr. Frescas identified two resources to compare resistance rates globally – Sentry by JMI Labs and Atlas by Pfizer. The URL links are included at the end of these minutes.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado noted the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be requiring hospitals to report antibiotic use and resistance data that will be interesting to review when available.
- Ms. Knerr discussed AS informally with colleagues in other long-term care facilities and discovered there is still a knowledge deficit and little AS activity in some facilities.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado found a study by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs that suggested one full time pharmacist and a 0.25 physician per one hundred beds is needed to support a robust AS program.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado suggested issuing a survey to facilities to determine level of leadership support and dedicated resources for AS.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado shared a draft of possible survey questions.
- Ms. Pierce will send the draft survey to all the committee members for comment and edits.

Agenda Item 5: Committee goals and priorities

At the previous meeting in May, several goals and priorities were suggested for further discussion. Ideas included education on antibiograms, understanding the border population's cultural values on antibiotic usage and crossing the border for antibiotics without a prescription, and creating a subcommittee. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Dr. Frescas suggested education programs for healthcare providers should include continuing education credit to increase attendance and change in practice.
- Dr. Campo Maldonado suggested educating the community particularly focusing on the border communities.
- Ms. Knerr recommended using CDC's educational resources but asked how to distribute the information to the community.
- Dr. Frescas and Dr. Cerda suggested distributing educational material to the community at health fairs, health screenings and through public health departments.
- Ms. Pierce provided a link to CDC's resources on AS. The URL link is provided at the end of the minutes.

- Dr. Campo Maldonado proposed having a subcommittee to address the survey to determine leadership commitment and resources for AS.
- Dr. Frescas motioned to create a subcommittee. Ms. Knerr seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 6: Creation of guidance documents

Due to the lateness of the hour, this agenda item was not discussed. However, during discussion under agenda item five, it was noted there are readily available resources from CDC.

Agenda Item 7: Partnerships

Due to the lateness of the hour, this agenda item was not discussed.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comment and Open Forum

Ms. Pierce allowed time for the public to share comments. No members of the public offered comments.

Dr. Emilie Prot, Medical Director for Public Health Region 11 introduced herself. Dr. Prot offered to help the advisory committee with its AS activities. She mentioned public health workers and educators can assist with distributing educational documents to the community and can help with presentations or conferences.

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Vanessa Pierce stated that the next meeting will be held in 2024. The following agenda items will be included for the next meeting:

- Discuss priorities for AS education.
- Update from subcommittee on leadership support survey.
- Update from hospital-acquired infection (HAI) epidemiologists on any issues identified from infection prevention assessments of nursing homes.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Resources shared during the meeting:

- <https://sentry-mvp.jmilabs.com/>
- <https://atlas-surveillance.com/#/login>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/week/index.html>

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