

Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisory Council

February 11, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Suite 1586
Alabama Department of
Public Health
The RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Thomas Miller, M.D.; Acting Chairman, Deputy Director of Medical Affairs

Alan M. Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control

Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association

Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama

Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association

Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association

Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association

Claude Kinzer, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

William McCollum, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association

Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans

Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Members Absent

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association

Julie Boothe, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Randall Weaver, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Donna Joyner; Public Education Employee Health Insurance Plan

Debbie Taylor; State Employees' Insurance Board

Foster Ware; Business Council of Alabama

Staff Present

Nadine Crawford; Communicable Disease

Kenya Dillard; Communicable Disease

Jennifer Owes; Communicable Disease

Sherri Davidson; Communicable Disease

Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease

Harrison Wallace; Communicable Disease

Sancha Howard; General Counsel

Organizations Present

Teresa Fox; Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation

Rosemary Blackmon; Alabama Hospital Association

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dr. Miller. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from June 19, 2013, September 11, 2013, May 7, 2014, and September 3, 2014 were presented. Motions to approve the June 2013, September 2013, May 2014, and September 2014 minutes were made and seconded; each motion passed unanimously.

2014 HAI PRELIMINARY REPORT:

Epidemiologist, Kenya Dillard, explained changes to the 2014 HAI 9 – month Preliminary Report, detailing distribution date and report layout. Emphasis was placed on the locations/units included in the data report that required verification due to HAI Reporting rule changes. The Council opined that the preliminary report layout was very useful in helping facilities determine which locations were or were not being reported according to state mandate.

HAI FACILITY VALIDATION SESSIONS:

The State HAI Coordinator, Nadine Crawford, informed the Council that she would select 19 hospitals for on-site validation visits of 2014 HAI data reported, based on facility's failure to sustain

performance, history of poor performance, a new Infection Preventionist, and/or first time visit. During each site visit, the CDC CLABSI tool will be used to validate data. Ms. Crawford explained the need to research Electronic Health Record validations may benefit the program, saving time and money spent on travel for the Department. The Council proposed processes in which medicals records could be viewed electronically (i.e. placing on a disk or secure FTP site). The Council requested Ms. Crawford set up a workgroup to research and discuss ELR for validation visits and describe information needed to obtain to complete a validation. Beth Goodall, Susan Warren, Teresa Fox, Laura Bell, Patty Miller, and Rick Finch volunteered to be a part of the workgroup. The Council also noted that Information Technology [from small and large facilities] personnel would be a great asset to the workgroup. Council members expressed appreciation for completing on-site validation visits as it provides more confidence that data submitted is accurate and meaningful.

COUNCIL APPOINTEES:

Kelly Stevens provided information to the Council regarding members whose term would be ending in September or October, 2015. Those members include: Laura Bell, Beth Goodall, Linda Jordan, Donna Joyner, Debbie Taylor, and Rick Finch. Stacey Hollis' term expired previously, and a replacement has not yet been named.

EBOLA SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT:

Ms. Stevens provided information regarding a grant opportunity to receive funds for a three year project, to be awarded April 1, 2015. The grant project includes HAI related activities such as assessing hospital readiness and infection control preparedness in receiving and treating patients with serious infectious illnesses including ebola. If the grant is awarded, the Alabama HAI plan must be updated to incorporate the grant goals.

FEDERAL HAI REPORTING vs. Alabama HAI REPORTING:

The Council discussed and approved removing superficial surgical site infections (SSI) from the ADPH HAI Annual Report beginning with 2014 data. SSI depths are not specified in the HAI Reporting Rule, and the Council opined that reports which include only deep and organ space mirror the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services reporting requirements.

The Council discussed the future of the ADPH HAI Reporting Program with the implementation of the federal HAI reporting program run by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Concerns include limited state resources, continued funding, duplication of work efforts, and possible federal requirements exceeding state requirements. A definitive conclusion was not met and the Council agreed to table this topic for the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 11:46 a.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

Date: _____

Thomas Miller, Acting Chairman
Healthcare Data Advisory Council

Date: _____

Nadine Crawford M.S.N., R.N.
State HAI Coordinator