

**California Department of Public Health
Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee**

**Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee
Monday January 9, 2017
11:00 – 12:00**

**Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Agenda Item/ Discussion**

Call to Order

Chair, Deborah Wiechman, called the meeting to order at 11:00

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Members Present

Deborah Wiechman and Jeff Silvers

Standards Research Advisor(s)

Andrew Armenta, BioMedical Engineering, Council on Infection Control

California Department of Public Health

Zoe Langdon

Item 1. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2016, summary meeting notes deferred to the next meeting

Item 2. Environmental Cleaning Toolkit

Under the leadership of a new subcommittee chair, the subcommittee discussed next steps for 2017, including implementation of the toolkit and ways to share information with hospital staff. The subcommittee will be recommending to the Committee to recommend to the Department to post additional environmental cleaning information on the website including

1. CDC/HICPAC [Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008](https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf) (https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf) and
2. CDC Options for Evaluating Environmental Cleaning, 2010.

The subcommittee recommends the HAI Program provide support to enable hospital staff to anonymously submit tips “on facilities structural issues when implementing new environmental cleaning programs. “ The goal is to help develop future guidelines, recommendations, and best practices on environmental cleaning.

Action Items:

1. Chair will follow-up with the engineers from her facility to identify actions taken when environmental cleaning results are positive.
2. HAI Program staff to evaluate use of webinars for future conference call meetings.
3. Determined the December 9, 2016, presentation was great but most relevant for large academic teaching hospitals. Subcommittee “studying empirical ways” to support smaller hospitals in areas of water systems, air filtration, and HAI.

Consider focus on what small hospitals should do to address the issues of pathogens in their water systems. Described use of a “pre-emphasis and post event approach” including

- I. Failure Mode Event Analysis (FMEA)
- II. Identify an event, actions taken by the facility, and recommendations
- III. Frequency of (water) testing and abnormal results

Questioned if CDPH has guidelines that address abnormal results, frequency of testing, and annual surveys. For 2017, the subcommittee will focus on HVAC and water, recommend adding educational materials to the CDPH website, and discuss areas that may be overlooked in existing regulations are related to positive cultures and annual survey.

Item 3. Meeting Schedules

Upon unanimously consensus, the subcommittee agreed to meet once a month

- February 6, 2017
- March 6, 2017

Reminder: HAI–Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

- February 16, 2017 – Sacramento
- May 11, 2017 - Oakland
- August 10, 2017 - Sacramento
- November 9, 2017 – Oakland

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Parking Lot

- Policy - EVS supervisor authority to stop unsafe process
- [CDC Safe Healthcare Blog: How Our Legionella Experiences Shaped our Prevention Approaches](https://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare/preventing-legionnaires-disease-in-healthcare-facilities-part-2-how-our-legionella-experiences-shaped-our-prevention-approaches/) (https://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare/preventing-legionnaires-disease-in-healthcare-facilities-part-2-how-our-legionella-experiences-shaped-our-prevention-approaches/)
- [Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Professional \(CHESP\)](http://www.aha.org/certifcenter/CHESP/index.shtml) (http://www.aha.org/certifcenter/CHESP/index.shtml)
 - [TRSA Standard for Producing Hygienically Clean Reusable textiles for Use in the Healthcare Industry](http://www.trsa.org/) (http://www.trsa.org/)