

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

**Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee  
Monday September 26th, 2016  
11:00 – 12:00**

**Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Carole Moss (Chair), Michele Ramos, Deborah Wiechman, Patricia Kassab

**Members of the Public**

Mark Rudometkin from City of Hope

California Department of Public Health  
Jorge Palacios

**Agenda Item/ Discussion**

**Call to Order**

Chair, Carole Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:03

**Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call**

Chair welcomed all subcommittee members, including a new subcommittee member, and members of the public.

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

Review and approval of summary meeting minutes from August 15 and September 7, 2016, deferred to a later date by the Subcommittee chair

**Review Subcommittee Mission**

The mission of the Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare Subcommittee is to protect the public from healthcare-associated infections by establishing best practices in the area of environmental cleaning in California healthcare facilities.

**Review and Discuss Current Recommendation (Motion 1) to the HAI Advisory Committee**

- All members felt that the motion presented at the HAI Advisory Committee on August 11, 2016, was well received by the majority of Committee members
- Current motion: We recommend that the State of California Department of Public Health adopt standardized cleaning and monitoring for all hospitals. All California Hospitals will be required to establish a written program for environmental cleaning including a method of verification of the quality of their cleaning.
- Alternate: We recommend that the State of California Department of Public Health require all California Healthcare facilities to establish a written program for environmental cleaning including a method of verification of the quality of their cleaning.
- Voted to present our first motion as is.

## Agenda Item/ Discussion

### Review and Discuss Subcommittee Goals, Timeline, and Deadlines

Subcommittee will review Motion 1 again on October 3 to hear remarks from others

### Review Draft Checklist for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare (Revise or Approve)

- Discussed missing checklists for Motion 2
- Staff from City of Hope admired the draft checklist and plan to incorporate as a hospital quality improvement project.
- Discussed the pivotal role and importance of L&C in the process, including their role to inspect devices for cleanliness. Suggestion to add visual aids for immediate review.
- Discussed the success of improvement projects using UV lights for inspections.
- Subcommittee members will pilot usage of the form at their facilities. Will include on October 3 Subcommittee agenda.
- Discussed required time for cleaning a 1-bed versus a 2-bed room, and daily versus terminal cleaning. Discussion will continue.
- Goal is to look for outcomes.
- On-the-spot visual inspections should be supported with technology.
- City of Hope team interested in beta testing UV light to aid the naked eye. Will provide details at the next Subcommittee meeting.

### Review Action Items and Make Assignments

- To concentrate on Motions 2 and 3
- Follow-up discussion on UV light or other tools to assist with verifying device cleanliness.
- Chair and members continue to work on checklist assignments.

Parking Lot (items for consideration at a later date)

- 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/>)

### Review Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

All meetings to be held at 11:00 am PT

- October 3 and 17
- November 7 and 21
- December 5 and 19

### Reminder: HAI–Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The HAI-AC meets quarterly.

Future Advisory Committee meetings will be held:

- November 10 – Oakland

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

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.