

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

**Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee
Monday October 3, 2016
11:00 – 12:00**

Teleconference Meeting Summary

Members Present

Carole Moss (Chair), Deborah Wiechman, Karen Anderson, Jeff Silvers and Michele Ramos

Standards Research Advisor(s)

Andrew Amenta, BioMedical Engineering, Council on Infection Control

Members of the Public

Mark Rudometkin and Philip Griffith, City of Hope National Medical Center

California Department of Public Health

Jorge Palacios

Agenda Item/ Discussion

Call to Order

Chair, Carole Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:04

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Chair welcomed all subcommittee members and members of the public

Approve Summary Meeting Minutes

- Summary meeting minutes reviews were deferred by the Chair
- Meeting minutes from July 29, September 25, and October 3, 2016, will be reviewed at the October 17 Subcommittee meeting

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 Toolkit and Motions

- All members agreed that the motion presented at the HAI Advisory Committee on August 11 was well received by the majority of Committee members. Motion 1 is unchanged as of today.
- 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 written programs for environmental cleaning including a method of verification of the quality of their cleaning.
- Chair informed members who were not present at the last subcommittee meeting on September 26, 2016, that an alternate recommendation was made but rejected by those present.

Agenda Item/ Discussion

- Members present at today's meeting voted to present Motion 1 as written.
- Discussed missing checklists for Motion 2
- Discussed important topics to include in Motion 3.

Review and Discuss Subcommittee Goals, Timeline, and Deadlines

- Discussed review of log books, including the number of patients who contracted HAI (outcome data).
- Expert opinion that those responsible for cleaning rooms can be better motivated by relating to a person or patient versus numbers of infections.
- Discussed the importance proper training of California Licensing and Certification inspectors (surveyors), and recommendations for requiring annual updates, verification of training, and certification.
- Discussed the importance of annual training and certification for all healthcare workers that interact with patients in all California healthcare facilities. Environmental cleaning is everyone's responsibility. Protecting patients requires participation from all healthcare workers.
- Discussed requiring trustees, senior management, and administrators to participate in certification training.
- Subcommittee looking for improved outcomes.
- Visual inspections should be supported with technology.
- Members discussed the importance of recognition when infections are low.
- Members discussed the importance of recognition when infections are low. Discussion to continue, including how the State can become a part of this initiative.

Checklist for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare (Revise or Approve)

- Chair and members continue to work on checklist assignments

Review Action Items and Make Assignments

- Subcommittee will concentrate on Motions Two and Three at our next meeting.
- Discussed need to address this Subcommittee's participation in education and training of L&C inspectors (surveyors) and California healthcare workers
- Chair and members continue to work on checklist assignments

Parking Lot (items for consideration at subsequent meetings)

- Policy - EVS Supervisors 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/)
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- [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/)
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Review Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

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

All meetings will begin at 11:00 am PT

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Reminder: HAI Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

- November 10, 2016 – Oakland
- February 16, 2017 - Sacramento
- May 11, 2017 - Oakland
- August 10, 2017 - Sacramento
- November 9, 2017 – Oakland

The HAI-AC meets quarterly.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.