

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

**Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee
Monday October 17, 2016
11:00 – 12:00**

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Carole Moss (Chair), Alicia Cole, Deborah Wiechman, Jeff Silvers, Karen Anderson, Patricia Kassab, and Sue Chen

Standards Research Advisor(s)

Andrew Amenta, BioMedical Engineering, Council on Infection Control
Christel Henderson, UCSF Mission Bay Medical Center Hospitality Service Department

Members of the Public

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

California Hospital Association Representative

Debby Rogers

California Department of Public Health

Jorge Palacios

Agenda Item/ Discussion

Call to Order

Chair, Carole Moss, called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Chair welcomed all subcommittee members and members of the public.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

Summary meeting minutes from July 25, August 15, September 3, and September 26, 2016, are deferred pending Department review/approval

Review Subcommittee Mission and Discuss Goals, Timeline, and Deadlines

- 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.
- The plan is to re-introduce Motion One to the HAI-AC on November 10, specifically “We recommend that the 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 to verify the quality of their cleaning.”
- The aim is to finalize all motions by November 1.

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- Subcommittee presentation to the HAI-AC will be submitted to the Department on November 3.

Review and Discuss Environmental Cleaning Toolkit and Motions

- The subcommittee discussed Motion Two, a checklist currently being created for ICU, OR, daily cleaning and terminal cleaning.
- Motion Three is intended to help drive change within the institution through education.
- The aim is to collaborate with CDPH and find a way to capitalize on the 2-day training conducted for new infection preventionists.
- Suggestion that CDPH could have a Basic Infection Control 101 course that focuses on empowering and training EVS staff to support infection prevention practices.
- Suggestion to create a standard cleaning training curriculum for EVS leadership staff.
- The second part of Motion Three will be to ensure the HAI Annual Report includes the number of people who are getting infections.

Review and revise the Checklist for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare

- It would be useful to share the results of the checklist evaluation conducted by City of Hope National Medical Center.
- The goal is to share the subcommittee checklist with the HAI-AC and recommend that CDPH share the checklist with interested hospitals for input.
- Members also noted that air filtration and water treatment are currently missing from the toolkit and this discussion. The subcommittee is seeking experts to share resources on air filtration and water treatment

Review Action Items and Make Assignments

- Members will provide info on EVS education for future subcommittee discussion
- Collaborate with subject matter experts in the field of water treatment and air filtration and review current documentation available on these two topics

Parking lot (items for future consideration)

- 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/)
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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

- November 7 and 21, 2016
- December 5 and 19, 2016

Reminder: HAI–Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

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

Agenda Item/ Discussion

- August 10, 2017 - Sacramento
- November 9, 2017 – Oakland

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.