

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

**Environmental Cleaning In Healthcare Subcommittee
Monday December 5, 2016
11:00 – 12:00**

**Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Agenda Item/ Discussion**

Call to Order

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

Item 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call

Members Present

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

Standards Research Advisor(s)

Andrew Armenta, BioMedical Engineering, Council on Infection Control
Christel Henderson, UCSF Mission Bay Medical Center Hospitality Service Department
Karen Hoffman, Representing CMS Survey and Certification Group

Guest Speaker

Aaron Nevatt

California Department of Public Health

Jorge Palacios

Item 2. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion: D. Wiechman

Motion to approve November 7, 2016 summary meeting minutes

Second: T. Kassab

Approved unanimously

Item 3. Review Subcommittee Mission and Discuss Goals, Timeline, and Deadlines

The subcommittee reviewed the mission of the subcommittee and agreed to collaborate to identify tools for committee's consideration and possible future recommendations to the Department of Public Health

Item 4. Review HAI-AC recommendation on Motion Two

The subcommittee agreed by unanimous consensus to recommend all California hospitals should minimally use the CDC guidelines

Item 5. Aaron Nevatt (Presenter) – [Facilities and Engineering Control in Health Settings Presentation](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Documents/EHCCS-12052016HAI-EngineeringControlsHealthcareSettings.pdf) (<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Documents/EHCCS-12052016HAI-EngineeringControlsHealthcareSettings.pdf>)

Reviewed strategies for minimizing opportunities for transmission of hospital acquired infections in the building environment. Addressed the National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections and the importance of using tools from CDC and the American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE) for guidance related to

- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Mechanical Codes
- Hospital Risk Assessment
- Air Matrix
- Temperature and Humidity
- Water Safety and Water Management Plans

The presenter stressed the critical role infection preventionists and the building environment play in the intricacy of the HVAC and water safety in the prevention of healthcare-associated infections.

Discussion: Question related to how a surveyor would validate that the infection preventionist is notified of construction activities that impact a hospital. Infection Control (IC) should always be on the table when discussing Impact Process (IP). Reviewing meeting minutes of those discussions will assist surveyors to determine if IC is included in the process or not. Construction permits should always be reviewed by IC. Construction in the facility should not move forward without IC approval. In addition, construction permits should be posted with an IP phone number on all construction sites, alerting vendors, hospital staff and the public to call IC immediately, if something varies from the approved plan. Quality management and environment of care committees should be assertive about reporting issues. When things go wrong, staff needs to make sure everyone gets involved, to ensure errors don't happen again.

Question related to how to assess if facility believes and practices the team approach. Facilities may be asked for their risk assessment, and questioned about how to approach a solution for a specific area of risk. Every healthcare facility should be doing some kind of risk assessment and identifying an area of focus. The area of engineering control should be part of facilities management.

Today's presentation can be used to support a framework for all hospitals. The subcommittee will work on finding tools and making them scalable for "clinics all the way to medical centers." Some of these resources are available from CDC and the ASHE.

The subcommittee Chair will collaborate with CA APIC for examples of hospital policy from various size hospitals and plant operation managers. The subcommittee will share the progress with the Committee in February and will make an effort to bring some of these tools to the next Committee meeting.

Item 6. Review Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

All Meetings are scheduled to begin at 11:00am

- January 9, 2017
- 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/)