

Minutes of Healthcare Data Advisory Council

September 12, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Board Room 1586
Alabama Department of
Public Health
The RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Dr. Tom Miller, M.D., Chairman; Deputy Director for Medical Affairs

Beth Anderson; Alabama Hospital Association

Laura Bell; Alabama Hospital Association

Julie Boothe, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Rick Finch; Business Council of Alabama

Beth Goodall; Alabama Hospital Association

Linda Jordan; Alabama Hospital Association

Claude Kinzer, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

William McCollum, M.D.; Mineral District Medical Society

Susan Warren; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Randall Weaver, M.D.; Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Members Absent

Stacy Hollis; Consumer

Keith Granger; Alabama Hospital Association

Donna Joyner; Public Education Association of Health Plans

Patty Miller; Alabama Hospital Association

Michael O'Malley; Alabama Association of Health Plans

Allen Stamm, M.D.; Association for Professionals in Infection Control

Debbie Taylor; State Employee's Insurance Board

Foster Ware; Business Council of Alabama

Staff Present

Nadine Crawford; Communicable Disease

Harrison Wallace; Communicable Disease

Robert Kurtts; Communicable Disease

Dagny Magill; Communicable Disease

Kelly Stevens; Communicable Disease

CALL TO ORDER:

The Healthcare Data Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 9:03 by Dr. Tom Miller, chairing for Dr. Williamson. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present. Brief introductions of everyone present were given and new appointees were welcomed.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES (EXHIBIT "A"):

A motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2012, was made and seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

HAI PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR DISCUSSION:

Comments from reporting facilities on the draft *Healthcare-Associated Infections in Alabama Annual Report, 2011* were presented to the Council for discussion. Discussion was held regarding the confusion of "N/A" when referring to facilities who reported data but data was not a large enough number to report an SIR or a comparison measure. A suggestion to move "N/A" to the first definition on each facility level data page and make it more visible was proposed. A motion to list "N/A" first in the definitions was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council raised concern over the confusion facilities and the public may have over the reporting locations specific to each infection. A motion was made to list location types required to report in the definitions on each page of the facility level data. A second motion was made to update the narrative to mention that the infection surveillance conducted was not intended to include all portions of the hospital. The motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

The Council discussed comments received from facilities who modified their data during the 45-day comment period. ADPH recommended that a new data pull be conducted so that the most accurate results would be reflected in the report. A motion was made for ADPH to conduct a new data pull and update the report to reflect new results. A second motion was made to notify facilities that the data will be updated to reflect changes made within NHSN. A third motion to create a more formalized and stringent process for facilities to follow regarding data updates and requests for new data pulls for each Annual Report was made. All three motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

Rosemary Blackmon discussed the new campaign, "Join Us in the Journey," being conducted by the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA). The campaign initiative will involve a website with

information, links to the report, links to Blue Cross Blue Shield, and a press release or conference. AlaHA proposed that the campaign focuses on the HAI Report in November, and coordinating campaign activities with the release of the report by the ADPH. AlaHA hopes this will result in more publicity and a united front on HAI prevention in Alabama. A motion to release the report to coincide with the Join the Journey campaign as long as it occurs prior to the December 31, 2012, deadline was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A final motion was made to approve the *Healthcare-Associated Infections in Alabama Annual Report, 2011* with the aforementioned revisions. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The data validation process was summarized by Nadine Crawford, HAI Coordinator. Ms. Crawford will be performing NHSN facility visits in the upcoming months. Site selections will include those facilities that modified NHSN data submissions during the 45-day comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Healthcare Data Advisory Council adjourned at 10:22 a.m. The next Council meeting is tentatively scheduled October 10, 2012.

Thomas Miller, M.D., Acting Chairman
Healthcare Data Advisory Council

Nadine Crawford M.S.N., R.N.
State HAI Coordinator