



Toward Elimination

Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

August 2010

Coming Up...

SSI Infection-Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: August 9 1PM-2PM ET

MRSA Infection-Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: August 16 1PM-2PM ET
(MDRO module overview & analyzed data reviewed)

C. diff Infection-Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: August 24 1PM-2PM ET

CAUTI Infection-Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: August 26 1PM-2PM ET

CLABSI Infection-Specific Calls: Postponed until September 27

Your PHAs will send the bridge-line, password, and Webinar URL information for these calls.

CDC's New HAI Lab Liaison

Susan Fuller is the state and local public health lab liaison in CDC's Clinical and Environmental Microbiology Branch (CEMB). She helps states with HAI laboratory needs and provides guidance on laboratory protocol, HAI-related lab test(s), and other HAI lab needs.

Susan is establishing a database of state/local clinical and environmental microbiology supervisors and subject matter experts so that we have an effective way to communicate with your state labs. If you haven't done so already, please email Susan names and contact information for you or your lab partners at SFuller@cdc.gov or call her at (404) 639-4833.

Highlight: OK

Recently, the Oklahoma Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Work Group surveyed infection prevention (IP) staff at state hospitals through the Oklahoma HAI Prevention Project Assessment. Data was collected on various topics such as: facility and IP characteristics, NHSN usage, HAI training and educational needs, and the impact of mandatory HAI reporting.

Approximately 88 survey requests were sent out to IP staff and 69 responded by completing the survey within the given timeframe. The HAI Prevention Work Group and Oklahoma State Department of Health used their quarterly HAI newsletter to share the results with healthcare personnel and CDC. The data not only gave a snapshot of current HAI issues in Oklahoma but it also provided assistance in planning for future process improvement activities.

Oklahoma also dedicated a significant portion of its quarterly HAI newsletter to covering the "On the CUSP: Stop BSI" project. Their description of the

model helps the reader understand the importance of implementation, the requirements of involvement, and the benefits of the program. The state health department is actively encouraging facilities to participate so they can learn best practices from others who have had success.

Current or past issues of Oklahoma's HAI newsletter are available as a downloadable PDF at [Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention Program - Oklahoma State Department of Health](#).

NHSN State User Webinar Training Series

Based on feedback from the training needs survey, we have developed the NHSN State User Webinar Training Series. The training consists of interactive, webinar training sessions that will be conducted by CDC's NHSN experts. The series is intended for State HAI Coordinators and state HD HAI staff. The series covers multiple NHSN subject areas and begins with an introduction to the Patient Safety Component and Device-associated Module of NHSN. Each participating site will receive one webinar (for computers or web-enabled projectors) and a phone conference link. Availability is limited and the sessions will not be archived; therefore, participating sites will need to register starting July 16 and no later than July 27. As soon as the registration process is available, your PHA will send it to you.

DATE	TITLE	TIME (EST)
7/29	NHSN Intro to Patient Safety Component Intro to Device-Associated Module	2:00-3:00 PM
8/5	Central Line-Associated BSI	2:00-3:00 PM
8/19	MDRO Overview	2:00-3:30 PM
8/26	Intro to Procedure-Associated Module Surgical Site Infections	2:00-3:30 PM
9/2	Catheter-Associated UTI	2:00-3:00 PM
9/9	CLIP Module	2:00-3:00 PM
9/16	Dialysis Module	2:00-3:00 PM
9/23	Intro to Healthcare Personnel Safety	2:00-3:00 PM
9/30	Intro to Analysis in NHSN	2:00-3:00 PM
10/7	Analysis for Facilities and Groups	2:00-3:00 PM
10/14	Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia	2:00-3:00 PM

Recovery Act HAI Grantee Meeting

The Second Annual Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) Recovery Act Grantee meeting will be held at the CDC Global Communications Center in Atlanta on October 18 - 19, 2010. The two-day meeting will convene partners from state and local health departments, infectious disease societies, consumer groups, and federal agencies to continue the important work on proven strategies for the reduction and elimination of HAIs. DHQP, in conjunction with HHS, will also sponsor all conference travel and lodging expenses for 52 HAI coordinators so that each will have an opportunity to attend. Your PHA will provide specific travel logistics.