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Connecticut Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Committee Minutes March 11, 2010

Attendees: Ray Andrews, Lauren Backman, Laurie Brentlinger, Karen Buckley-Bates, Rachel Crosby, Lisa Davis, Louise Dembry, Carol Dietz, Diane Dumigan, Nancy Dupont, Anne Elwell, Erin Fitzgerald, Wendy Furniss, Joseph Garner, Randy Goodwin, Brenda Grant, Robin Heard, Alison Hong (phone), Margee Keegan, Gale Jacobacci, Laura Jordan, Jenny Kitsen, Cynthia Kohan, Kevin Lembo, Lisa Lemire, Cathy Ligi, Susan Malo-Schlegel, Harry Mazadoorian, Susan MacArthur, Richard Melchreit, Harry Mazadoorian, David Neville, Marylee Oleksiw, Julie Petrellis, Mary Ann Pezanko, Diane Pomarico, Jean Rexford, Richard Rodriguez, Karen Traficanti, Douglas Waite, Kimberly Willis

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

Facility-specific reporting:

CGS Sec.19a-490n, subsection c, and Sec. CGS 19a-490o, subsection a, sections of the law that authorizes the HAI Committee and describes its functions and powers were read out to the members and participants as background for the following discussion.

The tabled motion to recommend facility specific reporting of CLABSIs, listed by hospital name, was put back on the floor. It was seconded, and discussed. Several discussants expressed support for the general concept of facility-specific reporting, but also expressed concern that the motion did not include any parameters, such as those listed in the authorizing legislation, to guide the implementation of the general recommendation.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to read as follows: “The HAI Committee supports transparency in hospital CLABSI rates, including facility-specific reporting. The Committee shall develop the content and methods of reporting rates, appropriate accompanying consumer educational material, and the format of the reports, and that the voting members of the Committee shall approve the recommendations prior to submitting them, with all deliberate speed, but no later than August 31, 2010, to the Department of Public Health in accordance with Section 19a-490n of the General Statutes.”

Voting members passed the amended motion by a voice vote unanimously (no abstentions).

Next steps were discussed, and there was a consensus that some members of the committee should work to develop proposed content, methods, and materials for the reporting called for by the recommendation above. Drafted materials will be reviewed and discussed at the next Committee meeting, which will be held in May. Louise Dembry and Jean Rexford volunteered to co-lead this effort with assistance from other Committee members and participants.

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Future meetings:

The next planned in-person meeting of the HAI Committee will be the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The first Wednesday of the month of May (the normal day of the May meeting) is the last day of the legislative session; therefore, the HAI Committee meeting will be held at the Connecticut Hospital Association on another day, to be announced later.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.