

## Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO) Utah Healthcare Infection Prevention Governance Committee

Date: 4/4/2024

### Attendees:

Ashley Miller, Ashley Young, Becky Ess, Devin Beard, Elena Snelten, Giulia De Vettori, Janelle Kammerman, Jeanmarie Mayer, Joni Johnson, Kristin Dascomb, Linda Rider, Makoto Jones, Sarah Rigby, Tariq Mosleh

### Agenda Topics:

#### Introductions

1:00–1:05 Introductions

#### Action Steps/Plan

1:05–1:20 Review action plan and outcomes

Action plan updates

MDRO survey

IPC resource list (IPC program education and guidance)

#### Situational Awareness

1:20–1:50 Measles resources

Current State of MDROs

HAI Digest for LTCFs

#### Additional Questions/Discussion Topics

1:50–2:00 IP Spotlight: Discussing challenges/successes in facilities

IP and LTC representative open discussion

#### Convene

### Discussion:

#### Introductions

- Subcommittee chair: Elena Snelten
- Additional representation
- Approve minutes
  - Dr. Kristin Dascomb, Linda Rider

#### Action Steps/Plan

- Review action plan and outcomes
  - First task was to complete the Interfacility transfer form, which has been done.
  - Next action item is to work on the MDRO survey.
- Action plan updates
  - MDRO survey
    - Survey design is completed and approved through DHHS.

- MDRO survey was combined with AS survey. Tariq Mosleh, head of the AS UHIP committee, will be handling the distribution of the survey.
  - Survey will be sent out next week on Monday morning.
- IPC resource list (IPC program education and guidance)
  - Working on a resources list for new IPs or as a refresher for current IPs.
  - [Virginia Infection Prevention Training Alliance](#) is a resource that can be used by IPs.
    - Ability to search a large database of material that may be helpful for IPs.

## Situational awareness

- Measles
  - Measles resources:
    - [Measles one-pager](#)
      - Project Firstline and American Academy of Pediatrics created this one-pager for clinician awareness.
    - [Rash microlearn](#)
      - Project Firstline created a short, discussion guide about rashes (including measles) that can be used during team huddles or just in time training.
    - [CDC Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
      - Stay up to date on the latest measles outbreak
    - [DHHS Frontline Healthcare Fact Sheet: Recognizing Measles in Clinics](#)
      - A new factsheet for frontline staff and even families. Includes a brief factsheet, quick guide for front desk personnel, sign that can be hung on the facility/clinic door, and a measles timeline.
  - Dr. Dascomb: Follow up from last meeting, the link to the form that needs to be filled out prior to sending testing for measles is in an outdated form, and unable to be opened due to Intermountains firewall.
    - Follow up after meeting: If anyone has a sample that needs to be sent for measles testing, reach out to Amelia Salmanson, [asalmanson@utah.gov](mailto:asalmanson@utah.gov), and she will assist you with filling out the measles requisition form that needs to be sent to California prior to sending the sample.
  - Linda Rider suggested knowing the vaccination status of your employees so you can be ahead of the tracking if/when you have a measles exposure. It is important to also know which of your staff is protected so they can more safely care for residents/patients.
  - Dr. Mayer discussed some difficulties with gathering all this data.
  - Linda mentioned that smaller facilities, like many LTCF don't have a process for asking about the immunity status of employees. It is important to consider this before an exposure occurs.
- Current state of MDROs
  - CMS requirement for Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes
    - [CMS QSO-24-28](#)
    - [Implementation and Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes](#)
      - This is a link to help with the implementation
    - As of April 1, CMS is requiring use of EBP in nursing homes
      - Use of EBP with chronic wounds or indwelling devices during high contact care regardless of MDRO status is now required

- Linda: EBP are a next level standard precautions required in nursing homes. Enforcement will encourage people to utilize this important prevention step.
      - EBP includes gown and gloves during high contact resident care activity and encourages cleaning hands prior to and when leaving patient rooms.
      - Important to protect healthcare workers as well as protect vulnerable patients/residents.
    - Dr. Mayer discussed the importance of utilizing standard precautions signage.
    - Meningococcal disease: Dr. Mayer recommends being extra diligent with individuals with rashes.
  - MDRO updates
    - Ashley Young: Relooked at data shared during the UHIP-GC call last month. There were some issues with how the data came into our system, which caused errors to the data we presented. There are more KPC than IMP.
    - UPHL sent an updated data pull. It included more information than was originally given, which has thrown off counts. We will send out updated slides with the updated graphs once data has been cleaned and counts have been verified.
    - Working on cleaning EpiTrax data so we can include that with the UPHL data. Hoping to be able to present that new data at the next UHIP meeting.
- HAI Digest for LTCFs
  - Email [HAI@utah.gov](mailto:HAI@utah.gov) to be added to the email list.
  - Giulia showed an example of what the HAI digest looks like.
  - They come out each month with updates, educational resources, etc.
  - Please email [HAI@utah.gov](mailto:HAI@utah.gov) if you'd like to be added to the listserv.
  - Historical digests are posted here: <https://epi.utah.gov/hai-ar-monthly-digest/>

#### **Additional Questions/Discussion Topics**

- IP Spotlight: Discussing challenges/successes in facilities.
  - Elena: working on a screening process for individuals who may be at higher risk for *C. auris* when they are transferring to the VA. Trying to trigger the process for placing them in isolation and start testing. Since VA is national, there have been issues with creating a template that will work with charting systems. Multiple states are working together to try to implement this. Elena and others are working on a work around in the meantime.
  - Dr. Mayer: Process for screening has also been challenging. Ashley is working with case management to make sure the transfer form is being updated and sent with patients.
    - Ashley: working on an automated system for screening. Trying to get case management to utilize the interfacility transfer form. Trying to at least capture the most concerning MDROs
    - Elena: We have a flag, but it's utilized for so many things that oftentimes it doesn't get the attention that it should.
- IP and LTC representative open discussion
  - Any *Candida auris* updates?
    - Giulia: We don't have an update right now.

- Ashley: We had another patient with *C. auris* recently, but it doesn't look like it's an in state transmission
- Linda: Angela isn't on the call, but she did an update for Dr. Pavia last week. We have had 2 or 3 in state transmission of *C. auris*. No additional cases have been found after surveillance testing currently. 5-6 out-of-state cases have come into the state.

**Convene - Giulia De Vetorri**

Every 3 months

- Next meeting: Thursday 7/11/2024
- Minutes will be posted to the HAI website
  - <https://epi.health.utah.gov/uhip-governance-minutes/>