

## Utah Healthcare Infection Prevention Governance Committee

Date: 9/19/2023

### Attendees:

Alicia Beckstead, Angela Weil, April Clements, Ashley Young, Becky Ess, Brian Harris, Chrissy Radloff, Courtney Brigrance, Devin Beard, Elena Snelton, Emily Spivak, Giulia De Vettori, Hannah Imlay, Jacob Anderson, Jeanmarie Mayer, Jeffery Rogers, Katie Smith, Kristin Dascomb, Linda Rider, Lisa Evans, Lisa Pearson, Mark Fisher, Mary Fortini, Michelle Vowles, Rhonda Hensley, Sara Phillips, Sarah Rigby, Tara Ford, Tariq Mosleh, Trina Keane

### Agenda Topics:

#### Technical Information

3:00–3:05 Welcome

3:05–3:10 Introductions and updates (Giulia De Vettori)

#### Subcommittee Updates

3:10–4:20 Subcommittees (Subcommittee Leads)

#### Situational Awareness

4:20–4:30 MDROs (Ashley Young/Giulia De Vettori)

#### Convene

### Discussion:

#### Technical Information

- Approval of minutes
  - Becky Ess and Elena Snelton approved the minutes from our previous meeting
- Updates
  - There are no housekeeping updates at this time.

#### Subcommittee Updates

- Antimicrobial Stewardship: Tariq Mosleh
  - The DHHS/University of Utah Project ECHO Antimicrobial Stewardship series launched last month.
    - This series is focused on providing Antimicrobial stewardship education to long-term care facilities throughout Utah
    - The next session is tomorrow, and Dr. Dustin Waters will be presenting
      - If you are not registered, you can sign-up [here](#).
    - The webinar has great attendance and over 400 people are registered for this upcoming session.
      - Attendance has spread beyond Utah and there are registered attendees from as far as Hawaii.
    - Upcoming presenters and topics

- October 18th, Dr. Elizabeth Monsees from Kansas University. Her topic is Nurses: The central stewards of Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - November 14th, Katryna Gouin from the CDC. Her topic: Optimizing antibiotic stewardship (this will include recent updates from the CDC).
- Another project is to collect antibiotic data from pharmacies in Utah, as well as to gather data from Medicaid.
  - They recently obtained data from some pharmacies and are in the process of analyzing this data.
- Antimicrobial Awareness Week is Nov 18–24 and aims to spread awareness of antibiotic resistance and improve antibiotic use
  - Last year, they collaborated with the University of Utah to promote antimicrobial awareness week. This year, they are seeking collaboration with additional healthcare facilities throughout Utah.
- Upcoming SHARP 2 activities
  - Starting in 2024, the CDC has given us a framework of activities they would like us to work on.
  - COVID-19 data projects - emphasis on settings that have not been covered (e.g. dental offices, home health, urgent care, telehealth)
- Devin Beard (DHHS HAI) provided an update on upcoming changes to NHSN reporting.
  - Currently, this is not required reporting data, but it will be required for facilities enrolled in the CMS Promoting Interoperability program as of 2024.
    - Numbers of enrolled facilities will be provided in the upcoming Antimicrobial stewardship subcommittee.
- MDRO Control and Education: Elena Snelten
  - Action Plan:
    - Interfacility transfer form
      - For the last several months, this document has been undergoing revisions and updates with the MDRO subcommittee and the Healthcare Facility Call group.
      - Giulia shared the most current draft with the committee, highlighting sections of the document that have changed from the original form.
        - Giulia also explained wording and content inclusions with the aim of making the form accessible to providers, case managers, and long-term care administrators.
      - Today is the final opportunity for revisions before the form is approved for publishing.
        - Dr. Mayer discussed the additional listed resistances for CRPA, indicating a preference to say “not susceptible to one of the following...”

- Discussion whether it is better to say “resistant or intermediate”, because that is what the reports that long-term care facilities will say.
    - There was an additional discussion in the CRE section regarding “other Enterobacterales organism”.
      - Dr. Dascomb asked if this form will typically be available as print or digital, as we could include links to various organisms through a digital format.
      - Generally, this form will be used in a print format.
    - No other comments were offered. This form will undergo final revisions and approval.
    - Elena thanked the group for their input in developing this form.
  - The most recent project has been to build a survey to assess admission, transfer, and discharge processes.
    - The aim is to explore knowledge and skill sets and to identify gaps that can be addressed.
  - Increase participation and engagement in UHIP-MDRO meeting
    - Last week, all of the local infection preventionists have been invited to join a UHIP committee
    - They are also reaching out to other types of clinics
  - Another goal is to promote Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) in healthcare settings, to be a sound resource for infection preventionists
    - This goal aims to assist facilities who don’t have a dedicated infection preventionist.
- Laboratory and Surveillance
  - Alessandro is out of town, so Giulia provided the updates.
    - Prior to last month’s subcommittee meeting, a survey was sent out to better understand capacity of antimicrobial susceptibility testing and carbapenemase production methods.
      - Unfortunately, firewalls prevented most labs from accessing the survey. Some responses were provided live during the subcommittee meeting.
    - Results: all labs who responded do perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing in their lab, and all but one employ carbapenemase production methods.
  - Going forward, surveys will be conducted by alternate means
    - Phone surveying was suggested
    - We welcome suggestions for alternative methods.
  - The next meeting was supposed to be this coming week, but will be rescheduled due to conflicts.

Situational Awareness

- Generally, point prevalence surveys are performed for facilities with identified organisms. This is used to identify cases and assist the facility to contain the organism.
- CRAB
- C. auris
  - To date, there has not been any in-state transmission of [C. auris](#).
  - The next Lab/Surveillance subcommittee meeting will include a follow-up about C. auris expectations when identified.
- VIM/CRPA
  - We are continuing to see occasional VIM/CRPA cases related to the [eye-drop outbreak](#).
    - Both products have been recalled
- Giulia opened the floor to a discussion about categories to add to the reportables for CRE.
  - Dr. Mayer discussed that the reportable organisms don't always require the submission of isolates.
    - It is important that representatives from influential labs (Intermountain/University Health) attend the next Lab/Surveillance subcommittee to discuss this issue.

Convene

- A meeting will be scheduled to update the bylaws in preparation for the next meeting.
- Next meeting will (likely) include a presentation from William Lanier, who is a One Health representative.
  - Angela Weil briefly introduced the concept of One Health, that explores the interplay of humans, animals, and the environment with regards to health for all.

Next Meeting Discussion/Questions

Next Meeting: December 19, 2023