



2018 ELC Grantees Meeting: Meet the Partners

Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Dale Burwen, MD, MPH, Division of Healthcare-Associated Infections
- **AHRQ's Mission:**
 - To support research to develop improved methods for preventing HAIs and combating antibiotic-resistant bacteria (CARB); to support research to develop effective implementation strategies; to translate research findings into tools for implementing HAI prevention and CARB; and to promote implementation with effective methods, strategies, and tools
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - Coordination in general and on specific projects including AHRQ Safety Program for ICUs: Preventing CLABSI and CAUTI, AHRQ Safety Program for Antibiotic Stewardship, Healthy People objectives for HAIs
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Coordination of resources, involvement of health departments in project consortia with AHRQ implementation projects for HAI prevention & CARB, use and spread awareness of AHRQ toolkits to fill gaps
- **Website:** <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/hais>

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Mary Alice Lavin, RN, MJ, CIC, FAPIC, Chair, APIC Public Policy Committee
- **APIC's Vision:**
 - Healthcare without infection
- **APIC's Mission:**
 - To create a safer world through prevention of infection
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - Working with state departments of health to provide ICAR assessments, NHSN data validation, and training to acute care, ambulatory, long-term care, and other facilities.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - APIC Long-term Care Certificate Course, customized 1-day training workshops, ICAR assessments, and more
- **Website:** <http://www.apic.org/>

Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies (AHFSA)



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Dr. Darleen Bartz, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP, Chief Health Resources Section, North Dakota Department of Health; AHFSA Region VIII Representative; Stefanie Mozgai, BA, RN, CPM, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health, AHFSA Vice-President
- **AHFSA's Mission:**
 - To strengthen the role of its member state agencies in advocating, establishing, overseeing, and coordinating health care standards that will assure the highest practicable quality of health care for all state and federally regulated health care providers
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - AHFSA Infection Control and Prevention Workgroup with representation from the ten regions, CMS, and CDC
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Initial Collaborative Project: *C. Diff* in Long Term Care, including hand hygiene, contact precautions, antibiotic stewardship, and environmental cleaning
- **Website:** <http://www.ahfsa.org/>

Association of Public Health Laboratories



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Kelly Wroblewski, Director - Infectious Diseases
 - Michelle Meigs, Manager – Informatics Program
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - Shape national and global health outcomes by promoting the value and contributions of public health laboratories and continuously improving the public health laboratory system and practice.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - AR Lab Network
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - AR Lab Network Regional Meetings; AR Laboratory Fellowship
- **Website:** www.aphl.org

American Nurses Association (ANA)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Elizabeth Monsees, MBA, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Manager, Patient Care Services Research
Children's Mercy Hospital
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - ANA is the premier organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.6 million registered nurses. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. ANA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - ANA/CDC Working Group
 - White Paper: Articulate Nurses' Role in Antibiotic Stewardship
 - MRSA and C. difficile added as optional unit- or clinic-level nursing-sensitive clinical indicators in the 2019 Magnet Application Manual

American Nurses Association (ANA) (cont'd)



- **DHQP Program Connection (cont):**
 - ANA/CDC Nursing Infection Control Education (NICE) Network
 - ANA/CDC 2 year partnership with 20 nurse specialty & state organizations to enhance nurse infection and control practices through real time training
 - Goal is to improve adherence to IPC practices and enhance the confidence of nurses to care for patients with highly contagious diseases
 - Interactive webinars and in person presentations to educate specialty/state organization members and other HC professionals
 - Liaison member to HICPAC
 - Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) member
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Utilize ANA's specialty and state affiliations to reach all nurses as to best practices
- **Website:** <http://www.nursingworld.org/>

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Kate Heyer; Martha Ngoh
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - ASTHO's mission is to support, equip, and advocate for state and territorial health officials in their work of advancing the public's health and well-being.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - Co-leads (with CSTE) the Council for Outbreak Response: HAI/AR (CORHA)
 - Coordinates with DHQP to build the capacity of state and territorial health agencies to address AMR and HAIs through technical assistance and sharing state best practices.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Health department representatives can lend expertise to CORHA, serve on ASTHO's Infectious Disease Policy Committee to connect with other health department leaders, national experts, and state health policy influencers, and/or contact ASTHO to share an example of an effective public health practice or resource with health department peers.
- **Website:** <http://www.astho.org>

CMS: Quality, Safety & Oversight Group (QSOG)/CCSQ



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Daniel Schwartz, MD
- **QSOG's Mission:**
 - Ensure the Health, Safety and Quality of Life for All
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - CMS and QSOG works with DHQP to improve patient safety through multiple CMS avenues, such as use of NHSN in quality reporting programs, collaboration on activities to reduce HAIs, developing infection control and prevention policy, and improvement of care in all healthcare settings.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Develop, enhance, and expand collaborations with CMS, QIOs, HIINs, State Survey Agencies and Accrediting Organizations, infection control professional organizations, and others working on quality improvement.
- **Website:** www.CMS.gov

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Rachel Stricof, MPH, CIC; Richard Melchreit, MD; Michael Anderson, MPH; Michelle Brown
- **CSTE's Mission:**
 - To promote effective use of epidemiologic data to guide public health practice and improve health
 - To support effective public health surveillance and epidemiologic practice through training, capacity development, and peer consultation
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistant Pathogens
 - CDC/CSTE Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Taskforce
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - The **CSTE HAI Subcommittee** promotes collaboration and information exchanges among members. To join, email manderson@cste.org
 - **CSTE HAI workgroups** develop and review technical resources for the HAI applied epidemiology workforce. To join, email manderson@cste.org
- **Website:** <http://www.cste.org>

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Yvonne Chow, MPP
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - FORHP collaborates with rural communities and partners to support programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - Antibiotic Stewardship Programs: Critical Access Hospitals will implement an antibiotic stewardship program over the next four (4) years
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Collaboration between FORHP's state Flex programs and CDC's state HAI/AR programs
 - Educational webinars focused on rural and critical access hospitals
 - Technical assistance to rural and critical access hospitals
- **Website:** <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/index.html>

Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET)



American Hospital
Association



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Shelby Lassiter, BSN, RN, CPHQ
- **HRET's Mission:**
 - Transforming health care through research and education
 - HRET's vision is to leverage research and education to create a society of healthy communities, where all individuals reach their highest potential for health
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - States Targeting Reduction in Infections Through Engagement – STRIVE program
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Infection prevention; community health
- **Website:** <http://www.hret.org/>

Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)

CMS Quality Improvement Organization (AZ, CA, FL, OH, USVI)
CMS Hospital Improvement Innovation Network



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Buffy Lloyd-Krejci MS, CIC, Quality Improvement Specialist, QIN-QIO, HSAG-HIIN
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - We embody quality in all we do: in the services we provide, in the knowledge we share, and in the relationships we build with providers, patients, families, and caregivers. Quality is our way of doing business, and directs all of our actions and work.
 - Healthcare quality expertise to those who deliver care and those who receive care.
 - Tools and resources for patients, families, and caregivers to be advocates for their own health.
 - 25% of our nation's Medicare population / 46% of our nation's Medicaid population / 20% of our nation's dialysis population
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - Provide support quality improvement support for inpatient, outpatient and provide office settings under the direction of the CMS
- **Website:** <https://www.hsag.com/>

The Joint Commission

- **Attending Representative:**
 - Barbara I. Braun PhD
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - To continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - Safety and Healthcare Epidemiology Prevention Research Development (SHEPheRD) Task Order Contract (#200-2011-4201). "Adaptation and Dissemination of Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines to Prevent Healthcare Associated Ebola and Other Infections in Outpatient Settings"
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Disseminate tailored "ADOPT Guidance" products
 - As an accrediting body, share examples of effective infection prevention-related practices in hospitals, ambulatory settings and nursing homes
- **Website:** The Joint Commission: www.jointcommission.org

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Michelle Cantu; Christina Baum
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - As the national voice for local health departments, NACCHO is a leader, partner, and catalyst to ensure that people are able to make choices that keep them healthier, safe, and living longer
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - NACCHO's HAI project is funded through DHQP to increase the capacity of local health departments to prevent and reduce HAIs, antimicrobial resistance, and improve antimicrobial stewardship
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - NACCHO works with nearly 3,000 local health departments across the US. We are available to collaborate and discuss ways to effectively engage your local health departments.
 - NACCHO supports state and local health coordination and collaboration and has developed tools and resources, for example the HAI Toolkit for Local Health Departments (available on NACCHO's website).
- **Website:** <http://www.naccho.org/>

Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety (NTDS)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - John M. Boyce, MD – Co-Chair, Current and Emerging Threats Workgroup
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - To enhance the quality of life for people with kidney failure by engaging nephrologists as team leaders in transformational change that continuously improves the safety of life sustaining dialysis
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - NTDS was created through a partnership between the CDC and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN). One of NTDS' four workgroups, the State & Federal HAI Program Workgroup, was developed to foster partnerships and improve understanding between nephrology staff and public health officials.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**

The NTDS State & Federal HAI Program Workgroup will lead NTDS' next webinar, entitled, "Infectious Disease Reporting: State Requirements & Resource". This free webinar will be held on March 29, 2018.
- **Website:** www.asn-online.org/NTDS
- **Webinar information:** <https://www.asn-online.org/ntds/event.aspx?ID=5>

The Pew Charitable Trusts



- **Attending Representative:**
 - David Hyun, M.D., Senior Officer, Antibiotic Resistance Project
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew's antibiotic resistance project seeks to address the growing threat of antibiotic resistance by spurring the innovation of new antibiotics and ensuring the appropriate use of antibiotics in both human health care and in food animal production.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - Collaboration in measuring antibiotic use and evaluating best practices in antibiotic stewardship in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Policies and programs that support implementation of antibiotic stewardship across all healthcare settings.
- **Website:** saveantibiotics.org

Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP)



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Elizabeth Schumacher, JD, Executive Director
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - Advance infectious diseases pharmacy and lead antimicrobial stewardship in order to optimize the care of patients.
- **Our Vision:**
 - Safe and effective antimicrobials for now and the future.
- **About SIDP:**
 - SIDP is an association of pharmacists and other allied health care professionals committed to promoting the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents and supporting practice, teaching and research in infectious diseases.
- **Website:** <https://www.sidp.org>

Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP) (cont'd)



■ Our Strategic Plan Goals :

- Communicate: Advance the mission of the Society through communications that will facilitate internal and external engagement and growth. Advocacy: Develop a strategic platform to advance antimicrobial stewardship as well as infectious diseases pharmacy practice, education, public policy, and research.
- Research: Promote and support innovative research aimed at advancing patient outcomes in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy, antimicrobial stewardship and resistance.
- Education and Practice: Develop a diverse, effective, high-quality portfolio of educational programs that will advance our profession as a whole.
- Membership: Actively engage our membership through participation in timely educational, practice, and research material to enhance professional development and to advance infectious diseases pharmacy.
- External Affairs: Enhance strategic relationships between the Society and external organizations with whom we share values and objectives.
- Society Operations: Develop and operate a highly effective, efficient, and financially self-sufficient organization that is responsive to the Society's mission

Quality Innovation Network National Coordinating Center (QIN NCC)



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Kaylie Doyle, MBA, Telligen & Kelly O’Neill, RN, BSN, MPA, Stratis Health
- **Organization’s Mission:**
 - The QIN NCC provides support to the CMS-led Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program and state-based QIN-QIOs in their use of quality improvement methodologies, evidence-based best practices, and innovative approaches to maximize improvement efforts.
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - CMS, the QIN NCC, and Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) have collaborated with the CDC DHQP on a number of areas in the QIO 11th statement of work, including community antibiotic stewardship programs and reporting and reduction of *C. difficile* infections in nursing homes.
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - The QIO Program is working on reducing healthcare acquired infections; antibiotic stewardship; flu and pneumococcal immunization (patients and healthcare workers); infection surveillance (NHSN), infection control and prevention in nursing homes; medication safety including opioid prescribing and ADE prevention.
- **Website:** qioprogram.org

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)



- **Attending Representatives:**
 - Eve Humphreys, MBA, CAE (Executive Director)
 - Judy Guzman-Cottrill, DO (SHEA Member and Chair of SHEA Public Health Task Force)
- **SHEA's Mission:**
 - To promote the prevention of healthcare-associated infections and antibiotic resistance
 - To advance the fields of healthcare epidemiology and antibiotic stewardship
- **DHQP Connection:**
 - Creation of the Outbreak Response Training Program
 - Co-organizing the 6th Decennial International Conference on Healthcare Associated Infections in 2020
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - Multi-formatted education and training opportunities related to infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship
 - Multidisciplinary approach to infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship
- **Website:** <http://www.shea-online.org>

Vermont Oxford Network (VON)



- **Attending Representatives:**

- Madge E. Buus-Frank DNP, ARPN-BC, FAAN, Executive VP, Director of QI and Education

- **VON's Mission:**

- To improve the quality, safety, and value of care for newborns and families
- 1100 hospital members worldwide / 90% of the VLBW infants in the US

- **DHQP Connection:**

- Leading a national internet-based quality improvement collaborative, “Choosing Antibiotics Wisely for Newborns”, in collaboration with the CDC (Dr. Arjun Srinivasan and Dr. Dan Pollock) for 167 centers, 37 states, 6 countries
 - 25% reduction in antibiotic use in 1st 6 months of ASP QI intervention

- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**

- Reach out to see if your state is engaged or if statewide roll-out of this structured intervention is of interest

- **Website:** www.vtoxford.org/inicq (email: Muusfrank@vtoxford.org)



Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine



- **Attending Representative:**
 - Kevin Hsueh, MD
- **Organization's Mission:**
 - Advance human health through the best clinical care, innovative research and the education of tomorrow's leaders in biomedicine in a culture that supports diversity, inclusion, critical thinking and creativity
- **DHQP Program Connection:**
 - The Washington University in St. Louis Epicenters is a CDC funded research group focusing on the detection and prevention of antimicrobial resistance, hospital-acquired infections, and antimicrobial misuse
 - Steering the Leaders in Epidemiology Antimicrobial Stewardship and Public Health (LEAP) Fellowship alongside IDSA/SHEA/PIDS
- **Opportunities to Collaborate:**
 - The LEAP Fellowship aims at fostering Infectious Diseases physicians that can serve to bridge hospital clinical concerns and public health efforts
 - The Washington University Infectious Diseases Division serves as an resource for collaborators in detecting, preventing, and treating infectious diseases
- **Website:** <https://infectiousdiseases.wustl.edu/>