

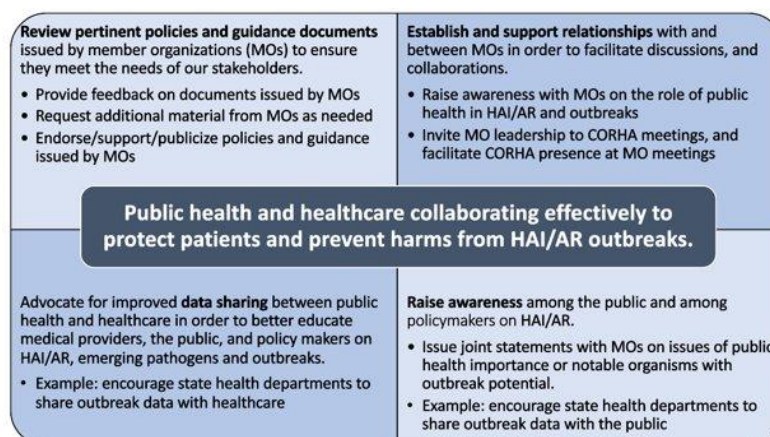
CORHA Member Call Notes | July 31st, 2023

Attendees

- **Joe Perz (GC – CDC)**
- **Natasha Bagdasarian (GC – ASTHO)**
- **Erin Epsen (GC – CSTE)**
- **Marisa D’Angeli**
- **Erica Washington**
- **Linda Greene**
- **Kim McCullor**
- **Kris Ehresmann**
- **Kiran Perkins**
- **Massimo Pacilli**
- **Matthew Crist**
- **Scott Steffen**
- **Cau Pham**
- **Rick Martinello**
- **Tracy Stiles**
- **Andrea Flinchum**
- **Bonnie Herring**
- **Elizabeth Beshearse**
- **Rita Stainback**
- **Kelly Walblay**
- **Nicholas Moore**
- **Kristie Johnson**
- **Elizabeth Mothershed**
- **Francesca Lee**
- **James Lewis**
- **Valerie Deloney**
- **Mary Alice Lavin**
- **Andrew Clark**
- **Jennifer Hunter**
- **Chris Baliga**
- **Will Fritch**
- **Irene Halferty**
- **Jackie Abramson**
- **Erin Laird**
- **Grace Lee**

Meeting Notes

- Spring Meeting Recap
 - Meeting attendees heard from Dr. Bell, Deputy Director of CDC’s Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), reviewed the CORHA communications survey, reviewed the [Investigation/Reporting Thresholds and Outbreak Definitions for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings document](#), and attended workgroup breakout sessions.
- *C. auris* in Michigan and Future Directions of CORHA discussion
 - Michigan has seen three major outbreaks of *C. auris* recently, with continued transmission and large number of cases. The cases have gotten so high that facilities have been asking for guidance on how to handle large case counts.
 - There is a need for a robust national strategy for alternate approaches to *C. auris*, with a few considerations such as:
 - States with established *C. auris* versus emergence of initial cases
 - Detection between various number of cases
 - There is a need to problem-solve and consider new approaches when facilities have been unable to stop transmission using traditional means.
 - *C. auris* is a good example on how CORHA can be an organization that collaborates with partner organizations for HAI guidance. Below is a proposal for CORHA’s future direction:



- CORHA leadership is cross walking the above vision for CORHA's future direction with CORHA's existing strategic map.
- Discussion with CORHA members:
 - It is important for PH to be advocates for policy changes, which fits within the framework of CORHA.
 - Raising awareness of what is happening on the ground is important for legislators to know.
- Workgroup Updates
 - Policy WG
 - James Lewis, who is the Health Officer for Snohomish County, has joined the Policy WG as a new member.
 - The WG has been engaged in discussions on federal reporting requirements and promotion of the HAI notifications framework.
 - The WG is also finalizing a document on guidelines of data reporting of HAIs.
 - Detection and Response WG
 - The WG has been making updates to the website to include:
 - *Burkholderia Cepacia* page
 - *C. auris* feature
 - Group A strep page
 - CDC's Mycotic Diseases Branch to review the fungi resources
 - WG members will also review the COVID-19 reporting document.
 - Lab WG
 - The Lab WG roster has been updated with its new members.
 - [Chapter 6](#), titled "Laboratory Best Practices in Support of Healthcare-Associated Infection and Antimicrobial-Resistant Pathogen Outbreak Response", of the CORHA Principles and Practices is now available on the website.
- [CORHA Principles and Practices for Healthcare Outbreak Response](#) updates
 - [Chapter 8](#) revisions have been uploaded to the website.
 - Chapter 6 has been uploaded to the website, and Supplement A is coming soon.
- Communications and engagement
 - CORHA continues to send out two newsletters, update the CORHA website, and write relevant HAI/AR blogs.
 - New resources that CORHA audience members want to feature can be sent to info@CORHA.org.
 - CORHA website updates and redesign
 - NACCHO will be working with Astriata to assess the CORHA website's usability and implement a website redesign in 2024.
 - NACCHO will be looking for volunteers for user experience survey and/or interviews via email. A consultant will also be hired for graphic design support.
- Open Discussion
 - ASTHO is planning the CORHA in-person Fall Meeting, which will *tentatively* be November 8 and 9th. More information will be provided soon.
 - CORHA members would like to discuss advocacy/story telling of HAIs. In addition, members would like to discuss the containment guidance from CDC

and listen to updates on the standardized variables with health equity considerations.

- CORHA members would also like to discuss best practices for the upcoming fall respiratory season.