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CSTE HAI Subcommittee

Peer-to-Peer Mentorship Program, Mentee Application

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One of CSTE's objectives is to increase epidemiology and surveillance capacity in state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions. To achieve this goal, the CSTE Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Subcommittee has developed a peer-to-peer mentoring program to support new and less established HAI surveillance coordinators and staff. These consultations may include an orientation to the surveillance system, guidance and program requirements, and day-to-day systems management. **While CSTE will assist in coordinating and planning these consultations, mentor/mentee pairs will be responsible for fulfilling the requirements of the program. Mentees will be required to submit a pre- and post-mentorship evaluation.**

If you would like to request assistance in coordinating a peer-to-peer mentorship consultation (P2P), please complete the following application to the best of your abilities. Questions should be directed to manderson@cste.org

Expectations:

If selected, the following is required:

- Ongoing communication/collaboration with mentor/host site throughout the duration of the mentorship
- Presentation on a future HAI Subcommittee call and development of a blog post that will be shared on CSTE's website.
- Completion of an evaluation to assist CSTE in evaluating program effectiveness.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are contingent upon availability of funding.

CSTE intends to support up to 5 peer-to-peer mentorship site visits. Eligibility will be based on expressed need and purpose for the visit.

CSTE will assist in the matching process and will serve in a supportive role to provide travel funding for the peer-to-peer mentorship site visits and conducting post-mentorship evaluations.

The mentor and mentee are responsible for finalizing the agenda and logistics for the in-person peer-to-peer visit as well as topics for ongoing mentorship support.

Matching priority will be given to CSTE members, but all are welcome to apply.

The following information is required to match applicants with host sites:

- Basic demographics of the participant seeking mentorship support
 - Area(s) of focus for the mentorship support
- Submission of resume(s) or CV(s) for matching purposes
 - Learning objectives for the consultation
 - Rationale for requesting CSTE travel funding support

For questions regarding the HAI P2P mentorship program, please contact Michael Anderson (manderson@cste.org).

Q11. Please complete the following demographics.

Name:	Erika Baldry
Title:	HAI Program Coordinator, Communicable Disease Epidemiologist
Employer:	Montana DPHHS
Email address:	Erika.Baldry@mt.gov

Q23. What is your preferred method of contact?

- ☒ Phone (Call)
- ☐ Phone (Text)
- ☒ Email

- ☒ Video Conference
- ☐ In Person (if feasible, not sponsored P2P visit)
- ☐ Other

Q24. Are you planning to attend the 2018 Annual CSTE Conference on June 10 – 14 in West Palm Beach, Florida?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Not sure

Q12. What is/are your area(s) of interest in the HAI field? Select all that apply.

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| ☒ Antibiotic stewardship | ☐ Injection Safety |
| ☒ Outbreak detection and response | ☒ Infectious Disease Processes |
| ☒ Coordinated prevention | ☐ Building laboratory capacity |
| ☒ National Healthcare Safety Network Surveillance | ☐ Specific disease investigation <input type="text"/> |
| ☒ Data Validation | |

Q18. What other knowledge or skills would you like to gain from this mentorship program?

I received a Master's in Public Health in May of 2017, and started my position as the Montana HAI Program Coordinator last fall. Through this mentorship program, I am hoping to gain knowledge about the duties of an HAI Program Coordinator and how these basic duties help improve other aspects of the program. Specifically, I am highly interested in learning more about the functions of NHSN, the external validation process, and outbreak detection and response. Learning more about outbreak detection and response would be very valuable in a state like Montana. Montana has contracted with infection preventionists, the state QIO and the University of Montana-Skaggs School of Pharmacy, for antimicrobial stewardship and HAI activities. Through these partnerships, we have been able to build relationships with infection preventionists, infectious disease doctors, and other healthcare providers, which could aid in outbreak response. We have solid communication occurring between different entities, but I am unsure how to fit these moving parts together during an outbreak response. We have limited resources, so learning how to maximize our efforts during an outbreak would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, I would be interested in learning about relationships between epidemiologists and public health laboratories in other states, specifically regarding testing for resistant pathogens. Since beginning my position at Montana DPHHS, I have completed courses and attended numerous webinars, such as the self-paced interactive training modules provided under "Patient Safety Component Training" and the three-part series that discussed the TAP strategy. I have been able to start building the HAI program, but now feel that I am at a point in which I need someone who is more experienced in this position to help further develop the skills that I have obtained. By being selected for this mentorship program, I would be able to gain experience and share this knowledge with partners throughout the state, therefore increasing the collaboration that is already occurring. As many of you know, HAIs are a pressing issue, not only for public health, but for the medical community as well. Being able to be proactive and prepare myself now will help in the future as we further develop the HAI program.

Q18. How many years of experience do you have in the HAI field?

- ☒ 0-2 years
- ☐ 3-4 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ > 10 years

Q23. How many of years of experience do you have in your current position?

- ☒ 0-2 years
- ☐ 3-4 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ >10 years

Q13. Please attach your resume or CV for consideration and assistance with matching to an appropriate mentor.

[Erika Baldry Resume Communicable Disease Epi MT.docx](#)

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Q20. Mentors may be able to advise you with your ongoing HAI-related projects. Please describe HAI-related project(s) with which you would like assistance, if any.

External validation and understanding how to utilize the "Data Quality" line listings in NHSN is a focal point of the Montana HAI Program. Preparation of "Report Cards" for facilities and how to utilize these report cards would be extremely valuable in Montana. Finally, I would be interested in learning about how other states have integrated their Antimicrobial Stewardship Program into their HAI Program.

Q15. Are you interested in participating in a peer-to-peer site visit during your mentorship?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Q16. Why should CSTE sponsor you to travel for a site visit? (Please provide your reasoning, expectations, and goals for the trip)

Sponsorship would be key in me being able to travel for a site visit. Without being sponsored, I would most likely be unable to complete a site visit due to funding constraints placed on many departments within Montana DPHHS. Having the opportunity to participate in a site visit would be beneficial on many levels. For starters, I would be able to personally interact with my mentor, which may spark conversations that I otherwise would not be able to have. Additionally, I would be able to see what the day-to-day tasks of an HAI Coordinator entail. This would help me better understand my role as an HAI Program Coordinator. Being able to see one another in person would allow more efficient communication and would invoke conversations that are dependent upon physically seeing tasks being completed. Although I am very appreciative of all that technology can offer, I find being able to meet in person as an effective learning opportunity. Oftentimes, when communicating only through phone calls or other electronic means, concepts or ideas can be lost along the way. As a new HAI Program Coordinator, I am eager to learn more about my position and how I can benefit Montana and the communities within my state. I humbly await your decision and hope to be selected for this mentorship program as I will not be the only one benefiting. The numerous partners that we have involved in our HAI program would benefit from this mentorship program as well, therefore, strengthening our entire infrastructure.

Q17. Additional comments, questions, or concerns regarding the CSTE HAI mentorship program?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Q10.

Please click the 'Submit' button to complete your CSTE HAI mentorship application. CSTE staff will follow-up with you soon. Thank you!

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