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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:	Rachel Cathey
Title:	HAI Epidemiologist
Employer:	Indiana State Department of Health
Email address:	rcathey@isdh.in.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"/> |
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Q18. What other knowledge or skills would you like to gain from this mentorship program?

I would like to gain a general understanding of the responsibilities of being a healthcare-associated infections epidemiologist outside of NHSN.

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 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.

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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.

- Injection-associated outbreak response - Use of NHSN (new DUA in effect for 2018 data)

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)

Throughout my schooling I always focused on the business side of healthcare and quickly learned that I was more interested in infectious diseases. After researching pneumococcal vaccinations and learning more about the inner workings of vaccine-preventable diseases, I decided that it was time to marry both of my passions: healthcare and infectious diseases. Luckily, I had the opportunity to become the Healthcare-Associated Infections Epidemiologist at the Indiana State Department of Health. My dedication to the subject matter makes me a good candidate for travel sponsorship to learn from someone with profound experience in HAIs. Becoming the HAI Epidemiologist has proven to have a steep learning curve. In my last six months as the HAI Epidemiologist, I have dealt with injection-associated outbreaks that is leading to legislature changes, general rulemaking changes, and a data use agreement. Without having the internal expertise within the state of Indiana to facilitate learning, much of my knowledge has come from talking with infection preventionists in the state as well as studying the APIC text. With a relatively new and inexperienced team, one of my goals would be to bring back lessons learned to my coworkers to help facilitate further learning through cross-training. Another expectation for this opportunity is being able to build a larger resource base to be to use when certain issues come up. Without having a strong history of a stable HAI program, it has proven difficult to come up with new ideas and ways to make my position a resource for people throughout the state. I am passionate about the health of Indiana and want to gain knowledge in order to build the HAI program in Indiana to its fullest potential.

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

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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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