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CSTE HAI Subcommittee

Peer-to-Peer Mentorship Program, Mentor Application

Q1. One of the objectives of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) is to increase epidemiology and surveillance capacity in state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions. To achieve this goal, the CSTE Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Subcommittee has developed a peer-to-peer (P2P) mentoring program to support new and less established HAI surveillance coordinators and staff. These consultations may include an orientation to surveillance systems, guidance and program requirements, and day-to-day systems management.

Am I eligible to apply as a mentor?

Mentor applicants should meet the following requirements:

Minimum of 5 years of work experience in public health.

Currently working at a STLT health agency, in academia, or with another public health organization.

Expectations:

If selected, the following is required:

- Ongoing communication/collaboration with mentee throughout the mentorship duration of six months.
- Completion of a peer-to-peer mentorship site visit (2-3 days) by June 30th, 2018
- 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 assessing program effectiveness.

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

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.

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

Q11. Please complete the following demographics:

Name(s):	Kelley Garner, MPH, MLS(ASCP)CM
Title(s):	HAI Program Coordinator/Epidemiology Supervisor
Employer:	Arkansas Department of Health
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Q25. What is your preferred method of contact? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ 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

Q26. Would you be willing to mentor two mentees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Q12. What is/are your area(s) of expertise 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 |
| ☐ Data Validation | |

Q21. What are some of your other areas of expertise in the HAI field?

I have expertise in network building, personnel mentoring, program administration, grant writing, review and interpretation of microbiology reports, and both oral and written communications. In addition, I have clinical training in laboratory science which has been useful in performing outbreak investigations, understanding the complex relationship and structure of healthcare facilities, and building collaborations with laboratories around the state. I also am currently pursuing a PhD in Epidemiology and can speak to interpretation of statistical analysis and advanced epidemiological concepts.

Q19. How many years of experience do you have in the HAI field?

- ☒ 5-10 years
- ☐ >10 years

Q22. How many years of experience do you have in your current position?

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

Q20. What would be some of your strengths as a mentor?

I currently supervise four people (out of a total of six) that are new to healthcare-associated and antibiotic resistant infection prevention and surveillance. In this role, I've identified key concepts and mentoring opportunities to help them excel in their positions. We are also a state that has incorporated the REDCap software to aide in data collection and management and would be happy to share what we have learned so far using this software and any of our project templates. Additionally, I've mentored quite a few fellows, and masters-level students from our local college of public health on projects related to healthcare-associated and antibiotic-resistant infections. I have been in my position as the HAI Coordinator for my agency when the program was small and had roughly one and a half funded employees and as we were awarded additional funding to expand to nine funded employees. This transition allows me to provide mentorship to a variety of sizes of programs and various stages of development. I also have participated in an on-site training and shadowing experience with a newly-placed HAI Coordinator from another jurisdiction that was an overall positive experience for both parties and continue to interact with that person. Finally, I have support from my agency to function in this role and have maintained and developed relationships with key staff members in my agency that could provide policy and medical insight into program development, as well.

Q13. Please attach your resume or CV for assistance with matching to an appropriate mentee:

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Q14. Please provide descriptions of what you hope to gain from this peer-to-peer mentorship program:

I hope to gain a better understanding of what the needs are for new HAI Coordinators and staff so as to advocate for these resources on a national level. I hosted a round table at the annual meeting in Boise, Idaho that focused on growing the expertise of new personnel to this exciting and rewarding topic area within state public health work. Also, the program staff and myself learned a lot from our previous site visit with a new coordinator that helped identify some gaps in our program as we sought to share with her. I would encourage that the mentor/mentee relationship be two-way communication and sharing and that it would lead to strengthening both programs. Finally, I hope that this project overall sheds a light on the phenomenal work being done in HAI Programs around the country and encourages greater participation on the HAI Subcommittee overall and the monthly calls.

Q15. Are you interested in the opportunity to host your mentee(s) during your mentorship?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Q18. Availability (including preferred dates to host mentee(s), if applicable):

I have wide availability to host a mentee starting in April.

Q17. Please provide additional comments, questions, or concerns regarding the CSTE HAI mentorship program:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply!

Q10.

Please click the 'Submit' button to complete your CSTE HAI mentor application.

CSTE staff will be in communication regarding your request shortly; in the interim, please contact manderson@cste.org with any questions.

Thank you!

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