MDCH SHARP NHSN USERS CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Thank you to those who were able to join our monthly NHSN users' conference call. If you were unable to participate on this call, we hope that you will be able to participate next month. Any healthcare facility is welcome to participate in these calls, whether they are sharing NHSN data with us or not. These conference calls are voluntary. Registration and name/facility identification are **not** required to participate.

Our monthly conference calls will be held on the 4th Wednesday each month at 10:00 a.m.

Call-in number: 877-336-1831
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Suggestions for agenda items and discussion during the conference calls are always welcome! Please contact Judy at weberj4@michigan.gov or Allie Murad at murada@michigan.gov to add items to the agenda.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONFERENCE CALL

Welcome & Introductions
Judy welcomed participants on the call and introductions were made of SHARP staff on the call. Participants were reminded to put their phones on mute or to press *6.

Brief Updates

   NHSN Definition Clarifications/Protocol Corrections: Judy provided a copy of CDC's *NHSN Protocol Corrections, Clarifications, and Additions* as a handout to the conference call meeting room. This document can also be found at http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdf/pscmanual/errata2013.pdf. Included in the document is a clarification of the definition of a "HAI", addition of "POA", and correction of "Primary Closure" and "Non-Primary Closure". These updated definitions and other clarifications should be incorporated immediately (effective January 1, 2013) into surveillance activities by NHSN users. Although these changes are currently not included in the NHSN manual online, they will be included in the near future.

   NHSN Questions and Answers: Judy also provided a copy of CDC's collection of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for CLABSI, CAUTI, SSI, VAP, MDRO/CDI and CLIP surveillance.   This document can also be found at http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/faq-psc.pdf. Many questions that NHSN users have can be found in this document. CDC suggests that users consult this

document before emailing the NHSN Help Desk in order to save response time from CDC.

Changes in NHSN Facility Administrator & NHSN Users: Judy reminded participants on the call that the SHARP Unit is still getting quite a few "bounce backs" on emails that are sent via the group email function within NHSN. NHSN users should re-check who is listed as their facility NHSN contacts (i.e. NHSN Facility Administrator, Patient Safety Coordinator, and Lab contact) by clicking "Facility" and then "Facility Info" on the navigation bar within NHSN. Here changes in name, email, etc can be updated by the Facility Administrator. It is important to keep this information updated as both the SHARP Unit and CDC use this contact information to send out critical information and newsletters to facilities.

Joint Commission Implementation Guide for NPSG.07.05.01 on Surgical Site Infections: Judy provided a copy of this document as a handout in the conference call meeting room. This document has been released by the Joint Commission to "identify, confirm, and provide accredited hospitals with effective practices that can be used to effectively implement The Joint Commission's evidence-based SSI NPSG.07.05.01." A list of 24 practices has been included in the document. This document may be a good reference for hospitals that are having high rates of SSIs.

MERS-CoV Infection: Judy mentioned that healthcare facilities should be aware of information and guidance being disseminated by CDC about the emergence of the new novel virus called Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) which has been reported from several countries in the Middle East and Europe since September 2012. The virus is reported to be highly lethal and has been shown to spread between people who are in close contact, and from infected patients to healthcare personnel. A large hospital outbreak resulting from nosocomial spread has also been reported in an eastern Saudi Arabian province. No cases have been identified in the U.S. to date, however, IPs and physicians should be alerted to prepare for cases to appear in this country because of the potential for infected travelers from eastern countries seeking health care in this country. IPs should be aware of the recommended infection control guidance by CDC (use of airborne, contact and standard precautions), and physicians should be instructed to seek tests for suspected ill patients.

Updates on Reports

Allie announced that the 2012 Quarter 3 HAI Surveillance report had been posted to the www.michigan.gov/hai website. She will also email this out to the group as her previous group email didn't send. She is almost finished with the 2011-2012 Semi-Annual Individual Reports, and has pulled the 2012 Q4 data to begin that report. At the Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) conference in California in early June, she presented the Quarter 3 and Semi-Annual aggregate reports to attendees of the HAI

workshop. She received some advice about changing the Semi-Annual and Annual reports to a calendar-based system from CDC, and will keep everyone updated with any changes that are going to be made.

Feedback from CSTE Conference

Allie attended the CSTE conference June 9-12 along with Jennie Finks, Joe Coyle, and others from MDCH. The sessions she found most applicable to her were the HAI workshop on the first day and the NHSN roundtable. At the HAI workshop, she presented reports and listened to other states describe their surveillance reports. She noted that many other states are doing similar prevention activities as Michigan. Topics included: CRE, CDI, surveillance, and a sample outbreak investigation provided by CDC. At the NHSN update session, she received a powerpoint detailing the updates for the next few NHSN releases. NHSN release 7.2 is scheduled for August 3, 2013, and should include new options for analysis and fix a few things in the patient safety component. Allie will continue to update the group on these as they happen. Finally, she indicated that there were other interesting presentations on the fungal infection outbreak, long-term care outbreaks, NHSN data validation, and the alleged Hepatitis-C drug diverter investigation.

Feedback from APIC Conference

Judy asked for comments or highlights from persons who attended the 2013 national APIC conference in Fort Lauderdale. Judy announced that Candy Friedman from the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers had received the Carole DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to infection control. Persons from Michigan who also received awards were Kathy Peterson who received a Hero of Infection Prevention Award for her work with the ambulatory care population through the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers, and Nicole Nomides, also from the U of M Hospitals for receiving the Greater Detroit Area Chapter Leadership Award. Congratulations to all these outstanding leaders from Michigan!

Suggestions for Future Conference Calls

Judy asked participants for suggestions for future phone calls but none were provided during the call. IPs and NHSN users who came up with suggestions can email their ideas to either Judy or Allie in the SHARP Unit. Judy did mention that during the next SHARP conference call she and Allie may go over some update slides from a NHSN meeting held during the national APIC conference.

Next Conference Call

The next conference call will be on Wednesday, July 24th at 10:00 a.m.   The next meeting agenda and call-in information, as well as notes from today's call, will be posted on the MDCH SHARP website a week or so before this next meeting.