

MDCH SHARP NHSN USERS CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

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 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.

Introduction of New Data Prevention Analyst

Jennie introduced Bryan Buckley as the new full-time Prevention Data Analyst who will be working with Gail Denkins on her MRSA & *C. difficile* Prevention Initiative and with Brenda Brennan on her CRE Prevention Initiative.

Update & Questions on SHARP Reports

Allie announced that the 2010-2011 Individual Hospitals Reports had been sent out to 70 hospitals about two weeks prior to the call. A corresponding Survey Monkey had also been sent out to the NHSN user group looking for feedback on these reports. She is working on completing the 2012 Quarter 1 Report, and is currently analyzing the 2011-2012 Semi-Annual Report data.

Survey on Individual Hospital Report

Allie has received a few responses to the Survey Monkey that she sent to hospitals regarding their report. Feedback has been positive thus far, and hospitals generally like the new format of reports. She reminded the group that they can request their reports as word documents as well as ask for excel files to create their own reports. She can send these in either password-protected or normal emails.

Allie stressed the importance of receiving feedback from hospitals in order to improve the reports for the future. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/individualreports.

Updates and Reminders

Reminder of CMS Reporting Requirements

Judy reminded participants on the call that, effective October 1, 2012, Long Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACs) that are participating in CMS's Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program, will be required to begin reporting CLABSI and CAUTI into NHSN under the Patient Safety Component. (A link to the current list of CMS reporting requirements through NHSN is available on the home page of the MDCH HAI website at www.michigan.gov/hai.) Although LTACs will also be required to report pressure ulcers, this reporting will be through a separate software system available from CMS. Judy also reported that Inpatient Rehab Facilities (IRFs) will be required to begin reporting CAUTIs as well, beginning October 1st.

Note too that both LTACs and IRFs are now able to change their facility type designations to either HOSP-LTAC and/or HOSP-REHAB. This change can be made by going to "Facility" on the NHSN navigation bar, clicking on "Facility Info" and scrolling down to "Facility Type" on the form that comes up. Operational Guidance for reporting infections from both LTACs and IRFs is available on the NHSN website at www.cdc.gov/nhsn. Each facility type now also has its own "type-specific" facility survey on NHSN.

Judy also reminded acute care hospitals of their new reporting requirements which will begin January 1, 2013: MRSA bacteremias, *C. difficile* LabID Events, and healthcare personnel flu vaccination summary data.

Release of NHSN Version 7.0

This newest version of NHSN was released on September 16th by CDC. A summary of the changes is attached to the conference call meeting room, however, all users of NHSN should have received a copy of this summary directly from CDC. Judy reviewed several of the changes including the following:

- Updates to NHSN home page: Now includes an Action Items table alerting users of actions required or missed within NHSN.
- Updates to NHSN alerts tabs: Several usability enhancements have been made.
- Addition of Critical Access Hospital facility type: Critical access hospitals can now change their facility type designation to HOSP-CAH under Facility and Facility Info on the NHSN navigation bar.
- CMS certification numbers on the Facility Info screen should be re-verified to ensure accuracy.
- Introduction of the NHSN Long Term Care Component: This becomes the 4th component within NHSN and is to be used by nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, chronic care facilities and assisted living/residential care facilities (although these facilities are not yet required by CMS to use it).
- Creation of a CMS Reports folder in NHSN under the Analysis option: These reports allow facilities to preview facility-specific data that will be sent to CMS. Click on "Analysis" on the NHSN navigation bar, then "Output Options", "Advanced", and then go to "CMS Reports" and "CDC Defined Output".
- Analysis output option for Complex 30-day SSI SIR by surgeon: Facilities who are reporting their SSIs by surgeon name can now print out this report.

Several changes were also made to the Biovigilance Component within NHSN, and changes were made for facilities reporting via Clinical Document Architecture (CDA). See the CDC Version 7.0 Summary Sheet for a listing of these changes.

Review of Healthcare Personnel Flu Vaccination Reporting

This new module became available with the release of NHSN version 7.0. It allows for summary reporting of healthcare personnel influenza vaccination data. Acute care hospitals will be required to begin using this module on January 1, 2013. The module is one of two modules found under the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component. The module will assist in monitoring and measuring vaccination rates and better identify unvaccinated healthcare personnel, and hopefully increase vaccination rates. The module applies to healthcare personnel who have been working in the facility for at least 30 days between October 1 and March 31, and includes reporting on 3 specific groups: 1) full-time and part-time employees who receive their paycheck directly from the facility; 2) licensed independent practitioners including physicians, advance practice nurses and physician assistant who are affiliated with the facility but not directly employed by the facility; and 3) adult students, trainees and volunteers. A 4th group – contract personnel – is optional. CDC will be conducting 2 webinars on the new module: the first one is scheduled for Wednesday October 3 from noon to 1:00 p.m., and the second one is October 11th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The webinars will also be taped for viewing later if the registrations are full.

Oct 2- 4 NHSN Training at CDC

Allie will be attending this live training at CDC. Judy and other SHARP staff will watch the webstreaming from their offices on these days. Anyone can watch these webinars. There is no limit on the number who can watch from their own desk. Information for linking to these webinars is included in attachments to the conference meeting room.

CDC Training Demo

This demo is a copy of the NHSN interface containing fictitious practice data which allows a facility to view, add, edit and analyze data within NHSN. A facility can request a demo for training purposes for themselves or for a larger group of users. A digital certificate is not required to use the demo. It can be requested through a link on the home page of the NHSN website at www.cdc.gov/nhsn.

MSIPC Fall Conference

The MSIPC conference is scheduled for October 11 and 12th at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing. The deadline for registering at the reduced rate is October 3. A program flyer is attached to the meeting room for this NHSN conference call. Also coming up is the October 24 – 26th Fundamentals Class to be held at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. This is a 3-day intense training program on the basics of infection control. Gail Denkins reminded facilities that are participating in her MRSA/CDI Collaborative that they can use their training certificate for one of these events. The deadline for registering for the Fundamentals class is October 8th.

International Infection Prevention Week

Judy reminded those on the call of International Infection Prevention Week, scheduled for October 14 – 20th. Infection prevention is everyone's business and the focus for this year's event is broad scale engagement of the global community. The SHARP Unit plans to have a handwashing display in the lobby of their building during this week to show the public the importance of washing their hands to prevent the spread of infection. Judy encouraged participants on the call to also try to do something in their facility or community during this week long event.

Open Questions & Answers

Questions were mainly asked during discussion of the individual items on the agenda.

Participant Announcements

None were reported.

Next Call

Judy asked participants if they would like to change the date of the next conference call because of the conflict with the Fundamentals training course. Hearing no objection to the October 24th date, the next conference call will remain as scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Judy thanked facilities for participating in this conference call.