



# Toward Elimination

## Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

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## State HAI Plans: How They're Doing It In...

In this issue, we will share HAI plan experiences from three states — Texas, Wisconsin, and Arkansas.

### TEXAS

In developing the draft Texas plan for HAIs, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) convened a statewide HAI planning meeting October 28-29, 2009. Meeting participants included representatives from the healthcare delivery system in Texas, including agencies, organizations, professional groups, practitioners, consumer groups, and others involved with HAI. Approximately 100 individuals attended.

The meeting agenda included formal presentations, panel groups, and Q&A sessions. The largest portion of the

meeting included breakout sessions to address the four major elements of the HHS Action Plan (develop or enhance HAI program infrastructure; surveillance, detection, reporting, and response; prevention; evaluation, oversight, and communication).

Each session provided professional facilitators and subject matter experts to streamline functions and maximize discussion results for each of the topics. Plan components were deliberated in relation to Texas' healthcare structure, resources, and feasibility (current and planned). Meeting proceedings were compiled and shared with the HAI Advisory Panel and staff from DSHS. A draft HAI document was then prepared based upon input from all groups and is in the DSHS approval process.

**Please Note:** Beginning Feb. 2010, *Toward Elimination* will be coming to you every month. Each issue will include important dates and other noteworthy events. In addition, each issue will feature at least one state, including their successes and lessons learned. PHAs will contact state representatives for the necessary information, but please also feel free to proactively contact your PHA if you have something to share.

### WISCONSIN

In working toward its state HAI plan, Wisconsin hosted a very successful State HAI Advisory Group Meeting. Before meeting, they conducted a survey of infection preventionists to get a sense of issues of importance in their facilities. They used results to guide direction of plan development. This allowed the state to use the meeting time to thoroughly discuss and then

check off items on the plan. As a final step, Wisconsin sent a draft plan to members for review and will submit the final version after comments have been collected and incorporated.

### ARKANSAS

To complete its state HAI plan, Arkansas created an HAI Advisory Committee, which met for a four-hour planning session. The HAI coordinator encouraged the committee to go through

## News...

**State HAI plans are due by January 1, 2010. Please submit to: [haistateplans@hhs.gov](mailto:haistateplans@hhs.gov)**

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