



# Toward Elimination

Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

July 2010

## Oregon Highlight



During the annual Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) conference, the Division of

Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) met with Oregon's three public health agencies – the Oregon Public Health Division (OPHD), Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR), and the Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC). These organizations are concurrently working toward the prevention and elimination of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in Oregon.

Members of DHQP staff, OHPR HAI Prevention Coordinator Jeanne Negley, and Bob Duehmig from the Office of Rural Health also visited three state facilities that range in bed size from 25 to 483 staffed beds. The goals of the visits were to learn firsthand about facilities' experiences using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), determine and resolve facility specific challenges, and

identify successes for shared resources in surveillance and reporting of HAIs.

On June 11, DHQP Public Health Analyst Wendy Vance and Prevention Liaison Ronda Sinkowitz-Cochran, who both support Oregon in their HAI Recovery-Act program, participated in OPSC's first HAI prevention collaborative kick-off meeting. The collaborative consists of infection-prevention representatives from nine Oregon facilities. The group works to implement proven strategies for sustainable change in infection prevention practices as one of the many goals and initiatives for HAI reduction in Oregon.

Oregon also released its first annual HAI report on May 24th, 2010, which focused on CLABSI, SSI, and Surgical Care Improvement Program (SCIP) process measures. The full report can be viewed at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/>.

Thank you again to our many partners in Oregon for their hospitality, willingness to share, and for a resource-filled 6 days!

Next CSTE stop is Pittsburgh, PA, June 2011!

## DHQP HAI Workshop at CSTE

On June 6, the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) conducted a pre-conference HAI Workshop at the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The workshop included presentations and discussions from DHQP staff on topics such as NHSN data validation and analysis, infection-specific issues, state HAI plans, state laboratory roles in HAI efforts, and more. Approximately 66 attendees, including Recovery-Act-funded HAI coordinators, CSTE fellows and representatives from several county and city health departments, participated in the workshop. The workshop, conference, and DHQP exhibit booth pro-

vided several opportunities for networking, learning, and meeting with colleagues.

### Have a Success Story?

If so, we want to hear from you! Visit our Recovery Act Web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/recoveryact/index.html>) to submit your success story for Web and newsletter highlights.

## Coming Up...

**Standardized Needs Assessment and Developing IC Resources for Long-Term Care Settings Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: July 22, 2010, 1 PM-2PM ET**

**CAUTI/CDI Surveillance in LTC Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: July 27, 2010, 1 PM-2 PM ET**

**SSI Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: Resumes August 9**

**MRSA Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: Resumes August 16**

**CLABSI Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees: Resumes August 23**

**Your PHAs will send the bridge-line, password, and Webinar URL information for these calls.**

## Policy Corner

### First CDC Report on CLABSI Data

In May, CDC published the *First State-Specific HAI-Summary Data Report*. The report is the first in a series and represents the first time CDC has reported state-specific infection information. This initial report includes both national central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) data and state-specific data for states mandated by state law to report CLABSIs. Ideally, future reports will include other infection types and data from all states. The report can be viewed at the following link: [http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/stateplans/SIR\\_05\\_25\\_2010.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/stateplans/SIR_05_25_2010.pdf).