Participating hospitals who attended Outcomes Congress and received recognition:
(left to right) Y. Vonnie Meritt, Director of Quality Initiatives, OSDH; Ella Ward, McCurtain Memorial Hospital; Toni Roberts, Mercy Memorial Health Center; Kelly Meyers-Belding, Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital; Sheri O’Brien, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center; Pam Kaiser, Purcell; Vicki Milliken, Unity Health Center; Vickie Oliver, Integris Baptist Medical Center; Dr. Kristy Bradley, State Epidemiologist, OSDH; Liz Lim, Memorial Hospital of Texas County; Donna Dupree, Great Plains Regional Medical
Mary's training will cover:

- Describing the background and purposes of HAI surveillance;
- Identifying the barriers to data collection;
- Identifying the impact of mandatory public reporting on HAI surveillance;
- Proposing potential solutions to surveillance challenges;
- How to sell Infection Prevention Measures to the C Suite, managers, and staff.

Gloria C. Morrell MSN, MS, RN, CIC is an Infection Preventionist with 25 years of experience as an IP high risk patient infection control coordinator and manager in a large, urban hospital. Gloria joined CDC’s Department of Healthcare Quality Promotion Surveillance Branch February of 2009 as an IP subject matter expert for NHSN. Gloria had varied clinical experiences in the ICU, public health, addictive disease and hospital training and development before becoming an IP. She has completed her Master’s Degree in Nursing Education in recent years, and is happiest teaching and talking to others about their needs related to NHSN and infection prevention.

Super Stars Award—Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City reduced surgical site infection rate to “Zero”. During the Surgical Site Infection Prevention Collaborative from March 2011 through October 2011, the staff preformed 1174 procedures and reduces their infection rate. Vickie Oliver Peri-operative Clinical Nurse Specialist gave a presentation on their success and challenges. She shared strategies which included an educational component on SCIP for all staff. (Pictured left to right: Vonnie Meritt, Director of Quality Initiatives, OSDH, Deborah Rhodes, Infection Preventionist, Vickie Oliver, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Dr. Kristy Bradley, State Epidemiologist, OSDH.

Happy New Year

CMS New Reporting Requirements
OSDH is here to assist.

Oklahoma State Statute still continues to require mandatory reporting of central line associated blood stream infections and ventilator associated infections which occur in patients of intensive care units in Oklahoma hospitals. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have also required central line associated blood stream infections, which occurred in the intensive care unit to be reported in 2011. As the new year begins, a new CMS reporting requirement for surgical site infection for the colon and abdominal hysterectomies procedures has been added. The list of ICD-9 codes is shown on page 6.

In an effort to assist hospitals across the state which have not previously reported into the National Healthcare Safety Network, a new user group has been added: OK NHSN User Group 21023. The password for the group is “join”. This is a voluntary group created to assist you in the user process.
HAI Prevention State Coordinator

Salary:
$1,966.15 - $2,100.00 bi-weekly (based on education and experience)

Description:
This position serves as the Healthcare Associated Infections State Plan Coordinator for the Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections Grant for the agency and will report to the Director of Quality Initiatives.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting with the development, administration and implementation of the HAI Prevention State Plan for OSDH through teamwork with the Director of Quality Initiatives.
- Assisting hospitals with the administration, enrollment and implementation of Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia state mandatory reporting into the National Healthcare Safety Network.
- Performing analyses of data reports submitted by participating hospitals around the state.
- Developing and implementing a data validation program to assess the accuracy of current mandatory reporting of Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia to the National Healthcare Safety Network.
- Assisting with the negotiation, preparation and monitoring of contracts with vendors.
- Delivering information and education programs to partners on Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention strategies through oral presentations and written reports.
- Assisting with the preparation of reports and continuing grant applications required by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Assisting in the establishment of funding priorities.
- Working with various partners at both the state and local level in the development of the healthcare associated infection prevention program.
- Advising the Director of Quality Initiatives concerning hospital and clinical issues that impact the overall healthcare associated infection prevention program activities.

Education and Work Experience:
Requirements consist of a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a minimum of three years experience in a hospital setting in the area of infection control. Preference may be given to those who possess a Master of Public Health with a focus in epidemiology, with infection control experience and/or current certification as a CIC through APIC.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
Requirements consist of the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; to work with multiple individuals and organizations in implementing the state healthcare associate infection prevention program; to deliver training to a variety of audiences-both lay and medical professionals; to organize and be self-motivating; and to give presentations to groups. In addition, requirements also consist of knowledge of regulatory requirements, and project management/administration; of hospital and healthcare provider needs related to healthcare associated infection prevention strategies; and skill in the use of the Microsoft Office Suite software. Previous experience with the National Healthcare Safety Network database is beneficial.

Application - How to Apply:
Applicants with current or previous state service submit a letter of interest, resume, and a copy of the last two performance evaluations to:

- Mail: Medical Facilities
  Attn: Vonnie Meritt, Director of Quality Initiatives
  Oklahoma State Department of Health
  1000 NE 10th St
  Oklahoma City, OK 73117
Infection Prevention and Public Health

Stan Ostrawski, RN, MS, MT(ASCP)
CIC
APIC Consulting Inc.

Internal Validation: What you always wanted to ask, but were afraid to know.

Mr. Ostrawski gave an excellent presentation on internal validation. He explained “internal validation” as it pertains to public reporting of hospital associated infections. He shared how to perform post discharge surveillance for surgical site infections. He gave reasons why procedure denominator numbers may be incorrect and what factors need to be validated such as the accuracy of the NHSN data, ASA score, wound class, length of surgery, date of birth, SSI and CLABSI. Mr. Ostrawski is an expert in utilizing the National Healthcare Safety Network database and he reviewed the various features of the database such as how to generate reports essential to creating line list for validation.

Partnership for Patients: Better Care, Lower Costs

John O’Brien Pharm.D, MPH HHS Partnership for Patients,
Field Director CMS Innovation Center. Presented via internet.

Partnership for patients states that doctors, nurses and other health care providers in America work incredibly hard to deliver the best care possible to their patients. Unfortunately, an alarming number of patients are harmed by medical mistakes in the health care system and far too many die prematurely as a result.

Mr. O’Brien states that the two goals of this new partnership are to:

- **Keep patients from getting injured or sicker.** By the end of 2013, preventable hospital-acquired conditions would decrease by 40% compared to 2010. Achieving this goal would mean approximately 1.8 million fewer injuries to patients with more than 60,000 lives saved over three years.

- **Help patients heal without complication.** By the end of 2013, preventable complications during a transition from one care setting to another would be decreased so that all hospital readmissions would be reduced by 20% compared to 2010. Achieving this goal would mean more than 1.6 million patients would recover from illness without suffering a preventable complication requiring rehospitalization within 30 days of discharge.

- He encouraged hospitals to join the partnership at http://www.healthcare.gov/compare/partnership-for-patients/join/index.html.
Aleshia Overall, Administrative Programs Officer, OSDH, Vonnie’s Super Star in preparing for the Outcomes Congress.

Tried Hard NHSN Challenge

Maintaining ZERO

Closing Remarks Dr. Kristy Bradley

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