Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Healthcare Quality: Regional Initiatives

Introduction and Overview

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Program Infrastructure

- National
- **Regional**
- State
  - Reporting Mandates
  - State HAI Plans
  - State Departments of Health, State Hospital Associations, Quality Improvement Organizations, Patient Safety Organizations
- Local
Regional Projects

• **Program Intent**
  – Address gaps
  – Build regional infrastructure

• **6 Funded Projects ($0.5M)**
  – 6 Regions (I, II, III, VI, VIII, IX)

• **FY 2011**
Evaluation

• Gain depth of knowledge
  – State-level activities
  – Barriers and facilitators to implementation
  – Effect of national, regional, and state support for goals

• Key Information Interviews & Focus Groups
  – State-level key informants (provider, insurer, consumer, other stakeholders)
Regional Project Overview

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Region I

- Address gaps in HAI prevention in end-stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities
  - States in this region not required to report/analysis HAI data
- Assess scope of HAI prevention needs in ESRD facilities
  - Collect and analyze ESRD HAI data
  - Enroll 12 ESRD facilities in at least 3 states in NHSN
- Identify areas for HAI prevention training
Region I

- Coordination
  - CMS Region I (QIO projects)
  - CDC - Emerging Infection Program
  - ESRD Network
  - Key State officials (State HAI Coordinators)
Region II

- Address gaps in HAI prevention knowledge & training in ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs)
  - IP often in a consultancy position
  - Training/materials addresses diverse populations & levels of patient care delivery
- Develop and implement HAI prevention training for ASC facilities in diverse settings
  - Assessment of current resources (NY Injection Safety Program, CDC Hand Hygiene project)
  - In-person, training-of-trainers, webinar
  - New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico
  - Spanish materials, urban/rural, socio-economic levels
Region II

• Coordination
  – Advisory Committee - SMEs, APIC, federal agencies, state health partners
  – ASC-specific associations, accrediting bodies
  – ASC Workgroup (HHS Steering Committee)
Region VI

• Address lack of research/knowledge for a consumer-friendly HAI websites
• Formative research - design for an ideal HAI website for consumers
  – Assess current consumer websites and resources
  – Design/conduct focus group interviews (representative of the diverse region)
Region VI

• Coordination
  – Outreach and Communications Workgroup (HHS Steering Committee) CDC, OS/ASH
  – Consumer advocates
Region VIII

• Address variance in HAI prevention capacities across states within Region VIII
• Identify HAI prevention training and communication needs
• Build capacity through targeting trainings
  – Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota
Region VIII

• Coordination
  – Other regional states not involved in the training project
  – CDC
  – State HAI Coordinators
Updates, Contact

Regional Projects overview
http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/statelevel/state_level_act.html

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