

**PHR 9/10 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 23rd, 2023
4 PM – 6 PM**

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Table 1: PHR 9/10 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee member attendance at 3/23/2023 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Babiarz, Taylor	x				
Heyman Compton, Bobbi	x				
Fleming, Rhonda	x				
Mattimoe, Gordon	x				
Rivera, Miguel	x				

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order

Vanessa Pierce called meeting to order at 4:02PM. Noted that cameras and microphones should be on when an attendee is speaking and off when not speaking.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction of Members

Each committee member was given the opportunity to introduce themselves:

- Dr. Rhonda Fleming stated that she is an infectious diseases physician currently working at the El Paso University Medical Center.
- Bobbi Heyman Compton is a director of nursing in long term care. She stated she has been a registered nurse for 24 years, later becoming a nursing home administrator.
- Dr. Gordon Mattimoe works at Andrews County Health Department, a small local health department in West Texas. He explained that he has been a nurse for 29 years.
- Dr. Taylor Babiarz stated that she is an infectious diseases clinical pharmacist. She works at Memorial Hermann Northeast.
- Miguel Rivera has been employed at University Medical Center El Paso for 34 years, first in the microbiology lab and now as the director of infection control. He stated that he oversees 7 hospital clinics, 2 free standing clinics, and an ambulatory surgical center.

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of DSHS and HHSC Representatives

Vanessa Pierce extended a thank you to all DSHS and HHSC attendees who joined the call.

- 9/10 Regional Medical Director, Dr. Rachel Sonne
- 9/10 Deputy Medical Director, Art Alvarado, was not able to join the call.
- HHSC Chief Ethics Officer David Reisman
- HHSC Quality Monitoring Program Representative Nurse Sheri Mead
- HAI Epidemiologists for region 9/10 Misi Avalos and Kourtney Lopez

Agenda Item 4: Ethics Discussion

Vanessa Pierce turned the floor over to David Reisman to present on advisory committee ethics. David Reisman presented.

Agenda Item 5: Introduction of Committee

Vanessa Pierce thanked David Reisman for his presentation then turned the floor over to Dr. Melissa Perera LeBrun to discuss the committee and its purpose. Dr. LeBrun presented.

Agenda Item 6: Regional Presentations

Vanessa thanked Dr. LeBrun for her presentation and introduced CSTE Fellow Catie Bryan. Catie Bryan presented on region 9/10 specific information, including contact and location information, antimicrobial resistance lab network, 9/10 regional antibiogram, and reportable multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs).

- Miguel Rivera asked if the bar-graph presented was only on those organisms that are hospital acquired infections.
 - Catie Bryan stated that the data was not all-inclusive; only data reported to NHSN is included. Only hospital acquired infections after three days of hospitalization are included.
- Dr. Rachel Sonne asked if there was a place to view this information.
 - Catie Bryan put the link into the slide's notes.
 - Dr. Michael Fischer shared this link:
<http://txhsn.dshs.texas.gov/HCSReports/AnnualReports.aspx>.
This website houses the Texas Healthcare Safety Annual Reports and Antibiograms.
- Bobbie Heyman Compton asked if long-term care was included in the "hospital acquired infection" data.
 - Catie Bryan asked Misi Avalos to answer the question.
 - Misi Avalos stated that the data is typically reported after a hospitalization has extended past three days or the patient has an indwelling device. Long term care facilities are included if the patient meets that criterion.

- Dr. Rhonda Fleming asked if DSHS was going to provide further information on whether the isolates included in the data are from sputum, urine, or blood.
 - Misi Avalos stated that most of the data are from bloodstream infections or urinary tract infections. The data for the specific isolates would need to be pulled separately, if needed.

Agenda Item 7: Vote on Chairperson

Jacqueline Castillo introduced herself as the Advisory Committee Coordinator. She listed off the responsibilities of the committee chairperson, as stated in the bylaws. Members were asked to nominate a chairperson.

- Dr. Rhonda Fleming nominated Miguel Rivera. Miguel Rivera accepted.
- No other nominations were offered.
- Miguel Rivera was given the opportunity for a two-minute speech for his chairperson candidacy.
- Dr. Gordon Mattimoe motioned to vote by ballot for our chairperson.
- Dr. Rhonda Fleming seconded the motion to vote by ballot for our chairperson.
- Vanessa Pierce created a poll for voting by ballot. Members cast their votes.
- Miguel Rivera received 5 votes, unanimously being chosen as region 9/10's Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee Chairperson.

Agenda Item 8: Vote on Bylaws

Jacqueline Castillo introduced the next agenda item as our vote on bylaws. The bylaws were sent to members for review on March 7th, 2023. No revisions were suggested.

- Dr. Rhonda Fleming motioned to vote orally on the bylaws.
- Bobbi Heyman Compton seconded the motion.
- Vanessa Pierce called out each member's name to have their vote cast. The bylaws were approved by a unanimous oral vote.

Action Items:

- Vanessa Pierce to send out approved bylaws to all members. Members must sign the bylaws and send back to Vanessa Pierce by March 31st, 2023.

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment and Open Forum

Jacqueline Castillo allowed time for public comments to be shared. No members of the public offered any comments.

Jacqueline Castillo opened the floor for Open Forum:

- Miguel Rivera stated that the committee should consider discussing the development of a regional antibiogram, since the NHSN antibiogram and other data are limited. The number of isolates reported into NHSN is very small and could be misleading.
- Bobbi Heyman Compton stated that she does not believe nursing homes and other facilities are accurately reporting into NHSN, causing skewed antibiogram data.
 - Misi Avalos added that all long-term care facilities are supposed to be reporting into NSHN based on the reportable disease list, the state of the patient's stay, and the state if an indwelling device.
 - Dr. Michael Fischer added that NSHN reporting from nursing homes is not the same as acute care hospitals, who are mandated to report through CMS. We would love to have all nursing homes reporting accurately into NHSN, but we are not there yet. This issue is causing data gaps and other problems. We cannot have a long-term care specific antibiogram without the proper data.
- Dr. Rachel Sonne stated that she is the Regional Medical Director for 9/10. Anywhere that does not have its own public health entity has those gaps filled in by the regional health entity. Dr. Sonne shared that she began her current role in 2019, when the legislation regarding the committees passed. She thanks the committee members for volunteering to be a part of this process.
 - Dr. Sonne proposed that the group broaden their discussion beyond long term care to include all facilities in region 9/10.
 - Dr. Sonne agreed with Miguel Rivera on the creation of other regional antibiograms beyond what was provided by DSHS in Catie Bryan's presentation.
 - Dr. Sonne added to Dr. Fischer's point on difficulties in collecting data in the region. She suggested that the group spend time on defining healthcare associated infections, reporting requirements, and other parameters. Clearer guidelines would help in gathering data.
- Dr. Taylor Babiarz suggested that the group also consider outpatient antimicrobial stewardship issues.
- Dr. Gordon Mattimoe stated that a regional or community antibiogram may be feasible with the right data and minds being put together.
- Dr. Sonne stated that a community antibiogram may not be helpful since the information does not change from county to county. Regional level may be better.
 - Dr. Sonne added that most antibiotic use is in agriculture and not in people. This may be something the committee wants to dive into, but it may be beyond the scope of our work.

- Miguel Rivera stated that many nursing homes and similar facilities do not have their own labs and are using reference labs. Sometimes reports and other data get lost in this process.

The following links were shared during Open Forum discussion:

- <http://txhsn.dshs.texas.gov/HCSReports/AnnualReports.aspx>
 - This website houses the Texas Healthcare Safety Annual Reports and antibiograms.
- https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=http%3A%2F%2Ftxhsn.dshs.texas.gov%2FHCSReports%2FAnnualReports%2FTexas%2520DSHS%25202020-2021%2520Antibiogram_FINAL.xlsm&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK
 - This Excel sheet is a state antibiogram organized by multi-drug resistant organism.
- https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3015fa69f82c484a933120ba82b1df25/page/Page/?data_id=dataSource_1-ARLN_Trial_3_428%3A544%2CdataSource_9-Region_Join_8797%3A4&views=PHR-Summary
 - This website provides mapped MDRO data by public health region.

Agenda Item 10: Next meeting and agenda items

Vanessa Pierce stated that members are only required to meet once per year, according to House Bill 1848. Vanessa Pierce explained to meet one or more times this year that a member would need to motion for a vote.

- Dr. Gordon Mattimoe motioned to vote orally on the proposal to meet one or more additional times this year.
- Miguel Rivera seconded the motion.
- Vanessa Pierce called each member's name to have their votes cast. The proposal passed unanimously.
- Vanessa Pierce announced that she will be reaching out to members within the next few months to schedule another email.
- Vanessa Pierce asked for agenda items to be suggested for the next meeting. No further agenda items were suggested, but the following ideas were noted from Open Forum:
 - Regional antibiograms for all facilities
 - Long-term care facilities not reporting accurately
 - Defining healthcare associated infections in the region
 - Defining required reportable diseases
 - Outpatient antimicrobials stewardship

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

Vanessa Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting. Gratitude was extended to all committee members and all attendees. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19PM.