

**Public Health Region 7 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory
Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023
3 PM**

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Table 1: PHR 7 Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee member attendance at 11/13/2023 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Rama Thyagarajan	x				
Chelsea Vaughn		x			
Betsy Kirkpatrick	x				
Kathryn Rose		x			
Brian Cooper	x				

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order

Vanessa Pierce called the meetings to order at 3:02pm.

Agenda Item 2: Ethics presentation

David Reisman provided an advisory committee ethics presentation for the committee members.

Agenda Item 3: Meeting minutes approval

The previous meeting minutes were brought to a vote for approval. Three members were in attendance to vote. Rama Thyagarajan, Betsy Kirkpatrick, and Brian Cooper all voted yes to approve these minutes.

Agenda Item 4: UTI and urine culture subcommittee announcement

PHR 7 chairperson, Dr. Rama Thyagarajan, introduced the UTI and Urine Culture subcommittee to the committee at large. Three committee members will serve on this: Rama Thyagarajan, Betsy Kirkpatrick, and Kathryn Rose.

Brian Cooper introduced himself and suggested that the subcommittee broaden its scope to include skin and respiratory illnesses. Rama Thyagarajan suggested an additional subcommittee be formed for these topics.

Rama Thyagarajan asked which members would be willing to serve as subcommittee chairs. Brian Cooper for the Skin and Respiratory

subcommittee. No one offered for the UTI and Urine Culture subcommittee. Vanessa Pierce offered to follow up with members not in attendance for this role.

Rama Thyagarajan introduced the UT Dell/Department of State Health Services pilot project in PHR 7. This project is CDC-grant funded and will help with tracking antimicrobial use in Austin-Travis County. AS education will be provided at participating facilities to track antimicrobial use improvements or lack of.

Agenda Item 5: Commercial lab outreach

Betsy Kirkpatrick followed up on previously assigned tasks to perform outreach to commercial labs in Travis County. She has received information from Trident Lab, who services long-term care facilities. She has also received antibiograms from St. David's and HCA. She suggested getting materials from the Ascension Health System. Vanessa Pierce added that the Healthcare Safety Unit's Data Validation Team is working on regional antibiograms.

Rama Thyagarajan suggested the committee focus on getting community outpatient antibiograms to expand the usefulness of these tools.

Agenda Item 7: Educational material creation

Betsy Kirkpatrick has shared educational materials with the committee.

Rama Thyagarajan suggested posting these materials to the ASRAC webpage. Rama Thyagarajan suggested the creation of a Materials Review Committee to vet educational materials for sharing. She, Betsy Kirkpatrick, and Mary Menix (alternate member) will be on this committee.

Dr. Michael Fischer informed the committee that CDC materials are federally funded and can be shared across platforms and departments. The Committee would not necessarily need approval to share those resources. Vanessa Pierce will email all members with a call for participation on the subcommittees. She shared that all subcommittee work should be documented and reported back to the committee at large in the next meeting.

Sheri Mead, QMP Representative, shared that her department has email databases that the committee can use to share compiled materials.

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment and Open Forum

Brian Cooper suggested the committee perform outreach to high prescribers in PHR 7. Vanessa Pierce explained that the HSU is already working on a project to do so. She can provide updates at the next PHR 7 ASRAC meeting. She shared that CMD Part D information is publicly available and includes drug name, class, prescriber NPI, etc.

Agenda Item 10: Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Vanessa Pierce stated that the next meeting will be held in 2024. She opened the floor for agenda item suggestions. No other agenda items were suggested. The subcommittees will become a standing agenda item.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18PM.

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