The Oklahoma State Department of Health is pleased to present a FREE one day training opportunity for hospital infection preventionist (IPs) and other hospital staff who will be working to report healthcare-associated infection data through the NHSN. The Oklahoma State Department of Health wants your facility to be on the winning team of mastering HAI electronic surveillance.

When & Where:
The training will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the National Center for Employee Development (NCED). The NCED is located at 2801 East State Highway 9, Norman, Oklahoma. If you are unfamiliar with the area, you may use the GPS searchable address of 2701 Imhoff Rd., Norman, Oklahoma.

Name badges and training packets will be available for pick up beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be two sessions presented by 2 different speakers. The 1st training session will begin at 9:00am and end at noon. Session 1 will be presented by Mary Andrus, BA, RN, CIC.

The second session will begin at 1:00p.m. and end at 4:00p.m. Session two will be presented by Gloria Morrell, MSN, MS, RN, CIC.

Parking:
Parking is plentiful and free, but does require a parking pass. After you register, your parking pass will be emailed to you. Your parking pass will be sent to you via email on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. You will need to print out the parking pass and place that on the dash of your vehicle on the day of the training.

If you have not received a parking pass via email by 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, please contact Janice Mouser @ janicem@health.ok.gov for assistance.

Hotel Room Accommodations:
For those needing to stay overnight in a hotel, the NCED has guest rooms which can be reserved using the following methods. Room rates are $84.00 per night. The price of the breakfast buffet is included in the price of the room.

To make hotel room reservations on line, go to: http://cc.nced.com
To make hotel room reservations by email, contact : rserve@usps.gov
To make hotel room reservations by phone , call: (405) 447-9000

Meals:
Meals will not be provided during this FREE training opportunity. Meals are available through the NCED food court and are priced as “All You Wish to Eat” for the price of $12.00 for breakfast or lunch and $15.00 for dinner.

You can purchase your lunch ticket for Thursday, November 4, 2010 that morning at the registration table. You will need to pick up your name badge and speaker handouts at the registration table the morning of the conference.

Register for Training:
Registration for this training is open until November 1, 2010. Pre-registration for this training is required. To register for the training go to: http://doodle.com/cxih7tiefah4xuh7
Speakers and Topics:

Mary Andrus BA,RN,CIC

Mary Andrus is the president and owner of Surveillance Solutions Worldwide which specializes in training and consulting on HAI surveillance and the use of NHSN. Currently she has subcontracted with APIC as the project director for several quality audits and chart reviews. She is actively working with the Saudi Arabia National Guard (SANG) to create HAI reporting software and to provide education to the (SANG) staff on infection prevention.

From 2002-2008, Mary worked as a Health Care Analyst for the CDC where she provided customer support and training for the NHSN Surveillance branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. She has many years of experience in infection prevention in multiple hospitals and settings. Mary is the recipient of many honors and awards. She received the Elaine Larson Lectureship Award in 2010 through the National Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. In 2007, she received the Honor Award Certificate from the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) for her implementation of the new HAI reporting requirement. In 2006, Mary received both the Honor Award Certificate from the NCID for her participation and work with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and the Outstanding Member Award from the Greater Atlanta Chapter of APIC.

Mary Andrus has helped author many national publications listed below:

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 , and how to sell infection prevention measures to the C Suite, managers, and staff.

Gloria Morrell MSN,MS,RN,CIC

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

Gloria’s training will cover:
Reviewing the NHSN HAI definitions and tips associated with BSI, CAUTI, VAP and SSI as it relates to using the NHSN application. Case studies will be examined to help users identify specific infection events within NHSN.
EXPANSION of NHSN REPORTING

As most of you are already aware, the new CMS Final Rule will require hospitals to expand their healthcare-associated central line bloodstream infections (CLABSI) to include all ICUs including the NICU effective January 1, 2011. Prior to this final CMS Rule, only Oklahoma hospitals having incidents of healthcare-associated central line bloodstream infections occurring in the adult ICU had to report these events through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

If this new CLABSI rule is applicable to your facility, remember to add those locations to your reporting plans identifying the type of device associated infections you will be reporting associated with those units. In NICUs, again because of differing infection risks, the number of patients with central lines and those with umbilical catheters is collected daily, at the same time each day, during the month. If a patient has both an umbilical catheter and a central line, count the day only as an umbilical catheter day. NICU patients are further stratified by birthweight in five categories since risk of BSI also varies by birthweight.

Please review Table 2 from the Tables of Instructions located under the device-associated module for further instruction on completing the BSI form CDC 57.108. There are some unique to the NICU questions that must be answered when entering your NICU data. Please review Table 8 from the Tables of Instructions located under the device-associated module for instruction on completing the denominator data for the NICU.

Wrapping up 2010 HAI Reporting Efforts

For the general medical surgical hospitals that are currently not required to report healthcare-associated infection (HAI) data through NHSN, OSDH is requesting that you work with the OSDH to accomplish our states “2010 HAI Prevention Initiative”.

In order for our state (Oklahoma) to successfully complete the 2010 HAI Prevention Initiative, the general medical surgical hospitals currently not reporting HAI data through the NHSN, must complete the NHSN training modules located on the CDC website; enroll as an NHSN user; obtain and install your unique digital certificate; join the OSDH user group # 12355, using the ‘join” password; and report data for at least one month during the final quarter of the 2010 year.

Those facilities that are not already reporting data, you will need to report at least one months worth of data in this last quarter of 2010. In efforts to collect the most meaningful data through the end of year 2010, OSDH is requesting you report your MRSA LAB IDENTIFIED events for one of October, November, or December 2010.

If you need assistance with this process, please contact Janice Mouser or Lloyd Richardson at(405) 271-6576.

STAY TUNED FOR SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS (SSIs) REPORTING IN 2011