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Quality of Care Advisory Committee

Location
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Commissioner's Conf. Room
Hartford, CT 06106

October 12, 2016

The semiannual meeting of the Quality of Care Advisory Committee was called to order by Yvonne Addo, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, at 9:34 AM.

Members/Guests present: Anne Elwell, Mary Florio, Wendy Furniss, Sue Newton, Jean Rexford, Carl Schiessl, Pepper Sobieski, and Robert Zavoski

Members on conference call: Debra Abromaitis

Opening Remarks: Deputy Commissioner Yvonne Addo introduced herself and asked each person to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jean Rexford to approve the April 13, 2016 Advisory Committee Minutes. Pepper Sobieski seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve the minutes with no one abstaining from voting.

Updates: Wendy Furniss reported that the Adverse Event report for 2016 has been uploaded to the DPH website. There was a three percent drop in the number of events from the prior year data. Recommendations have been made to Dr. Pino to change some of the measures and possibly retire some measures that are no longer useful for quality improvement. The group discussed Connecticut's ratings compared to National ratings along with ratings for New England states. There was a great deal of discussion about how ratings are obtained and the age of the data that some ratings are based upon. Mary Florio raised the issue of nurses being timed to do their tasks. It puts a great deal of pressure on the nurses and could contribute to patient safety issues. This is a complex problem within acute care settings that will require a culture shift to overcome.

Other Business
- Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM

2017 Meetings:
April 6, 2017 @ 9:30 AM - DPH Commissioner's Conference Room, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
October 5, 2017 @ 9:30 AM - DPH Commissioner's Conference Room, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT