HAI Plan: Worksheet

**GENERAL INFECTION CONTROL**

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**GOAL**: **Design a sustainable process to ensure ongoing adherence to “best practices” in infection prevention and control, across all healthcare settings.**

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**Strategy**: Augment existing outbreak reporting infrastructure.

**Activities**:

* Assess capacity of healthcare facilities to detect, report, and respond to potential outbreak threats.
  + Use a standardized assessment tool (*coming soon from federal CDC*)
* Track outbreak response and outcomes (as required by Maine’s Notifiable Conditions List).
  + Influenza-like illness (ILI) outbreaks
  + Gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreaks (i.e. Norovirus)
  + Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Outbreaks (e.g. drug diversion, breach in cleaning equip., CDI in LTC, MDRO patterns)
* Data analysis: State level and healthcare district level
* *Communicate this to?*

**Strategy**: Evaluate infection control practices and procedures at facility and provider level.

**Activities**:

* Conduct infection control assessments to identify gaps.
  + *Authority to conduct assessments? (currently it is voluntary)*
  + *Method to target facilities?*
  + *Milestones for # of facilities to survey?*
  + *Survey Tool?*
  + *EMS?*
* Data Analysis: State level
* *Communicate this to?*

**Strategy**: Confirm improvement to identified gaps and recommend strategies to prevent gaps in the future.

**Activities**:

* Develop mitigation strategies to address identified gaps.
  + *Training? – state vs facility*
  + *Other?*
* Conduct follow-up assessments to confirm and document mitigation of identified gaps.
  + *Every facility assessed? Or based on \_\_\_\_\_?*
* *Explore, pilot, and implement ways to expand oversight (e.g. licensing and credentialing) to include infection control capacity or competence as a requirement for operations.*
* *Communicate this to?*