CDC’s Interim Strategy for Local Health Departments on Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) and Antibiotic Resistance (AR): Insights from Implementation

https://www.cdc.gov/hai/hai-ar-programs/resources/local-strategy/index.html
Overview of CDC’s LHD HAI/AR Strategy

Goal 1: Grow Networks and Collaboration
Goal 2: Build Operational Capacity
Goal 3: Expand Programmatic Activities

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Why LHDs?

The strategy focused on LHDs because they...

- Are the frontline of public health
- Connect federal, state, and local partners
- Are well-positioned to educate and convene healthcare facilities
- Play a vital role in infection prevention, control, and response
- Often have authority for public health action and policies
- Have unique relationships to local healthcare facilities and partners
- Have knowledge of the local culture
LHD HAI/AR Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Grow and expand networks across state, regional, and local levels through increased LHD communication and collaboration within the public health sector and among public-private sector partners.

- **Objective 1.1:** Engage with the state HAI/AR program to determine priorities, state and local roles and responsibilities when working together, and to maintain coordination between the LHD and the state.
- **Objective 1.2:** Grow and sustain relationships between healthcare and public health at the local level tailored to meet the LHD’s, healthcare facilities’, and providers’ needs.
- **Objective 1.3:** Engage public health, healthcare, academic, and community partners in growing the partnership network to prevent HAI/AR in all patient populations within the local jurisdiction.
Goal 2: Build LHD operational capacity to conduct and promote sustainable HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities.

- **Objective 2.1:** Increase local public health staff capacity, expertise, and confidence to conduct HAI/AR activities, in alignment with the overall state HAI/AR program strategy.

- **Objective 2.2:** Increase local public health awareness of the latest HAI/AR guidance, data, programs, and policies that impact their community.

- **Objective 2.3:** Increase interjurisdictional infrastructure and sustainability of local HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities, in alignment with the overall state or regional strategy.

- **Objective 2.4:** Develop and/or update local healthcare preparedness and response plans to have capacity for responding to emerging HAI/AR threats and outbreaks.
Goal 3: Expand LHD HAI/AR infection prevention, outbreak response, and stewardship activities using data for action and prioritizing activities that increase impact on health equity.

- **Objective 3.1**: Implement HAI/AR outbreak and response strategies using data to identify appropriate participation in local, regional, and state-wide approaches.
- **Objective 3.2**: Implement infection prevention activities using available data to tailor and focus efforts.
- **Objective 3.3**: Implement antibiotic stewardship activities using data to tailor and focus efforts.
- **Objective 3.4**: Support HAI/AR activities that promote health equity and are aligned with state health equity priorities.
Example: Goal, Objectives, and Activities by Capacity Level

Goal 2: Building Operational Capacity
- Build LHD operational capacity to conduct and promote sustainable HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities.

Objective 1: Increasing staffing capacity at the local level
- Increase local public health staff capacity, expertise, and confidence to conduct HAI/AR activities, in alignment with the overall state HAI/AR program strategy.

Objective 1 Activity Examples
- **Level 1**: Offer trainings that build foundational IPC skills for newer staff.
- **Level 2**: Support at least one LHD staff member in becoming Certified in Infection Control (CIC), if eligible, or to pursue available IPC trainings.
- **Level 3**: Develop an HAI/AR team or program to ensure staff are trained to adequately support a variety of HAI/AR activities.