



KENTUCKY

MRSA

COLLABORATIVE

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Background and Funding

- Address public concern about HA-MRSA rates and increased occurrence/media attention on CA-MRSA
- Partnership
 - Kentucky Hospital Association
 - Kentucky Department for Public Health University of Louisville
 - University of Kentucky
 - Health Care Excel of Kentucky, the QIO
- Funding
 - Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant
 - UofL cooperative agreement with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response



Collaborative Activities

Advisory Board

Identify education needs across disciplines and settings and to make recommendations on the development, implementation, and distribution of materials

MRSA Collaborative Activities

- A Statewide, Multi-disciplinary MRSA Summit July 31-August 1, 2008
 - Serve as a kick-off to Collaborative activities
 - Provide education for hospital, long-term care, home health first-responder, school, athletic facilities, and law enforcement personnel
 - Collect information on education and training needs across disciplines
- MRSA Incident Data Collection and Analysis
 - Hospital risk assessment
 - Infection incidence collection
 - Establish Benchmarking
 - Data utilization training at multiple sites throughout the state
- Web-based Education Tool
 - Portal for information sharing with peers
 - Set of education modules for multiple topics and disciplines
- Series of Follow-up Conferences
 - Subjects based upon Summit attendee feedback
 - In-depth education on utilization of current best practice guidelines



Summit

Day 1: General education for all disciplines

Day 2: Breakouts for hospitals, long-term care, First Responders, Schools and Athletics, and Correction and behavioral health

- Breakout Discussion and Reporting Back to Full Group
 - Issues in specific setting
 - Needs
 - Possible solutions



Next Steps

- Make education materials available on ky.train.org
- Create a Report on Summit Findings
 - Publication in Ky Medical Journal and general distribution
- Hospital Survey and Data Collection
- Press Conference
- Continued educational opportunities through Web and in-person
- Tool-kit development



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