

HAI/AR Program Update

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HAI/AR Update Agenda:

- ▶ **Administrative updates**
- ▶ **HAI/AR Activities**
 - **Investigations**
 - **ICARs**
 - **Reports**
 - **Grants**



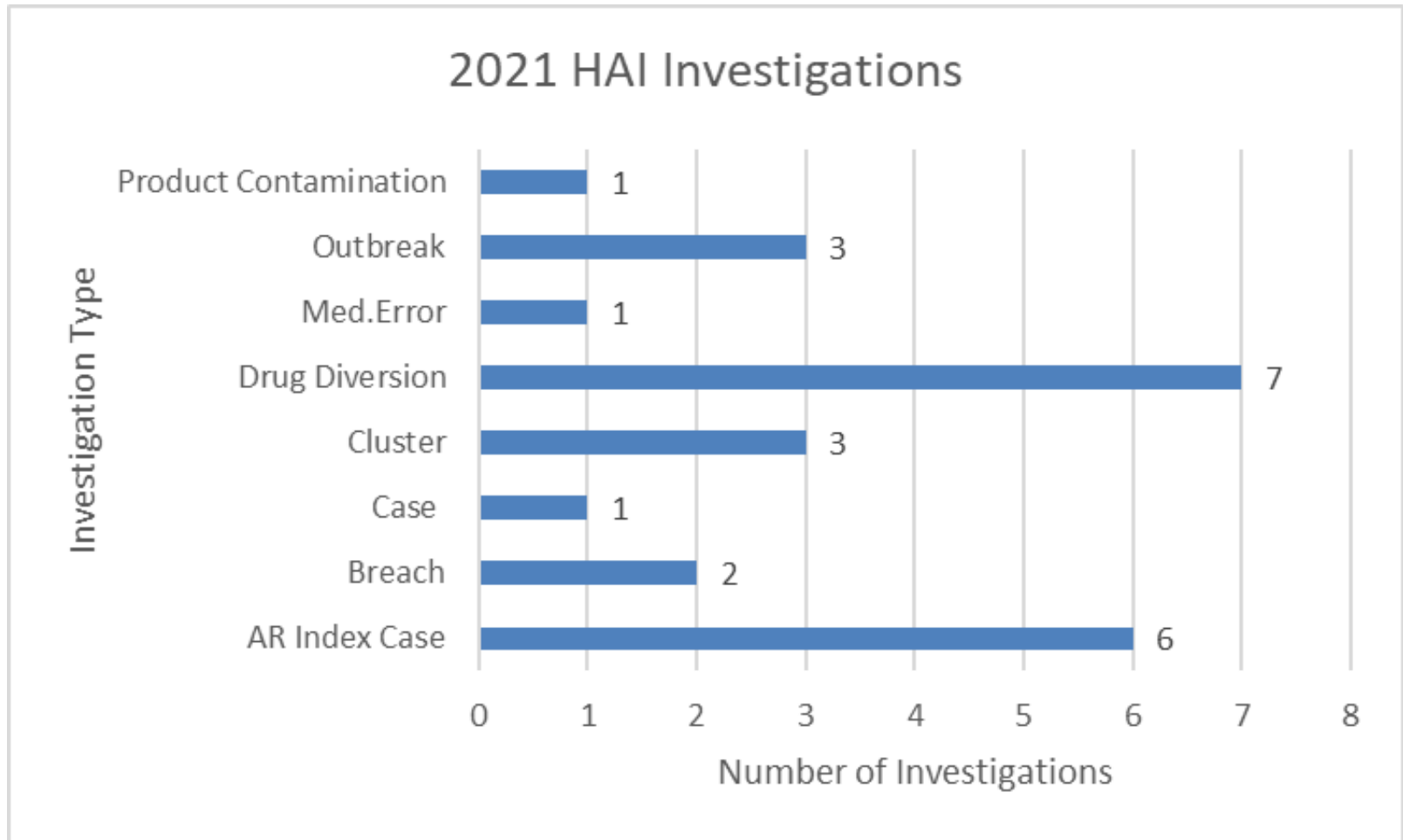
Administrative - Staffing

- ▶ HAI Program Manager Position
 - Carly Zimmermann
- ▶ HAI Health Educator
 - Darlene Cray
- ▶ CDC Public Health Associate
 - Annika Williams
- ▶ HAI Epidemiologist – *Vacant*
- ▶ HAI Prevention Specialist – *Vacant*
- ▶ AR Specialist – *Vacant*



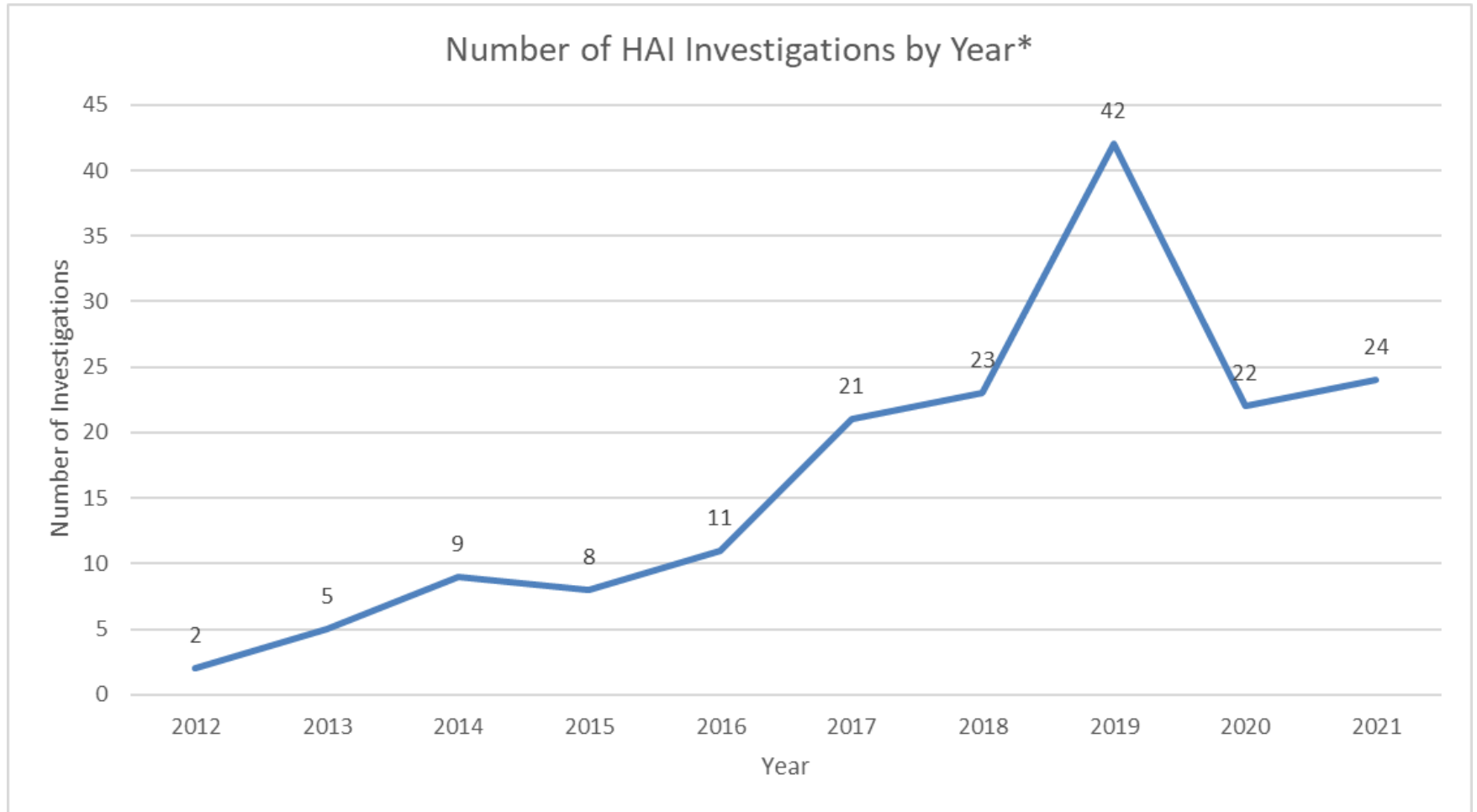
HAI Investigations

2021 HAI/AR Investigations: 24 Total*



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Infection Control Assessments

- ▶ 2021
 - ▶ 18 ICARs Completed in Total
 - ▶ 16 LTCFs
 - ▶ 1 Hospital
 - ▶ 1 Dental Practice

Currently prioritizing response ICARs

ICAR Trends

- ▶ Common strengths:
 - Staff are trained and can demonstrate proper donning and doffing procedures
 - Hand Hygiene
 - Contact Time
 - Screening visitors and staff
 - COVID-19 Testing

ICAR Trends

- ▶ Common areas of improvement:
 - Lack of staffing
 - Not all necessary staff are fit tested to wear N95s
 - Including a compliance audit with PPE, hand hygiene, environmental cleaning.
 - Staffing knowing their role involved in environmental cleaning

Reports

- ▶ Healthcare Worker Influenza vaccination data will be requested in early April
- ▶ Antibigram – 2021 data has been requested
- ▶ Ambulatory Surgery Centers
 - Quarter 4 data (Oct 1st to Dec 31st) due on or before March 1st



[CDC National Healthcare Safety Network \(NHSN\)](#)

Grants

- ▶ Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility STRIKE Team and Infrastructure
 - 2.7 Million
 - Either July 31st 2024 or 1 year after the end of the public health emergency
 - Main objective: build short and long term staffing capacity in long term care settings
- ▶ Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity (SHARP)
 - 2.7 Million
 - July 31st 2024
 - Main objective: build capacity in the NH HAI program

Grants

- ▶ National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities
 - \$200,000.00
 - 5/2023
 - Main objective: Provide infection control and prevention support to correctional facilities

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