

APIC DFW Business Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/5/2022

Facilitator	Donald Chitanda	Date	5/5/2022	Time	1300 - 1500
Location	Microsoft TEAMS	Minutes prepared by	Febi Sammons		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
Welcome & Housekeeping	<p>Welcome new members and guests!</p> <p>Charlene Bruce – Infection Prevention Program Manager, Texas Health Denton</p>	
Education	<p>“Elevating the Role of the Infection Preventionist” presented by Demi Smoczkiwicz and Kellie Whitton.</p> <p>Continuing Education (CE) will be provided by Terri Goodman. You will receive an email from TG&A within 48 hours and evaluation should be done by May 31st.</p>	
Vendor Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bradicich with Steris presented on Steris Endoscopy, cryotherapy technology, and their Hemostasis Portfolio. Contact John Bradicich at John_Bradicich@steris.com or call 903-366-1966; or Valerie Walls at Valerie_Walls@steris.com or call 817-915-5136. • Fox Holt with Vigilant presented on Challenges in IV Labeling – Lack of standardization & manual processes leads to poor compliance and patient outcomes. IV Labeling system, digital scanning of all FDA approved drugs. Contact fox@vigilantsoftware.io or call 214-998-5297. 	
Old Business	<p>April 2022 Business Meeting Minutes – posted on APIC-DFW website.</p> <p>Approved by Anne Mattern second by Chuck Monney.</p>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIC National Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for APIC 2022 Annual Conference. APIC-DFW will be hosting a chapter dinner during the conference. More information to come. • Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations Victoria Owoyele and Kim Sutton who received the APIC-DFW scholarship to attend the APIC Annual Conference. • Barbara Danielson, past-president of APIC-DFW and current centralized 	

	<p>surveillance program manager at THR, will be retiring this year. Congratulations on all your accomplishments!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AORN Guidelines for Processing Flexible Endoscopes now open for public comments. Link: https://www.aorn.org/events/public-comments 											
<p>Committee/SIG Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tijera Bell with nominating committee: Willingness to serve link will be sent out along with synopsis of each open position. • Education Committee: Requesting for APIC-DFW chapter member speakers and topic submissions for Education 2023 calendar year. Please contact Anne Mattern at greenearth@gmail.com. • Conference Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Theme: HAI Fast-forward; Accelerating HAI Prevention Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 • Surveillance SIG: Will be going over secondary BSI on the next Surveillance/Mentoring Call. • Jasmine Cluck with Government Affairs Committee: Visit the DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee Report for May 2022 on the APIC-DFW website. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None on Texas Registers that affect IP. - FDA updated requirement of sterilization for urological endoscopes. - CDC HAN Advisory: Adenovirus Testing and Reporting of Children with Acute Hepatitis. 											
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Board Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Blast: PAC meeting monthly. If you have certified or recertified, email apicdfwpac@gmail.com. • Chuck Monney: Working through issues with APIC members not showing up on APIC-DFW roster. If you're renewing membership through the annual conference, please let APIC HQ know you also want to add local chapter membership. 					
Public Health Update	<p>Hepatitis Update</p> <p>A Health Advisory was recently issued by the CDC regarding a cluster of children identified with hepatitis and adenovirus infection. A total of nine pediatric patients with hepatitis of unknown etiology and adenovirus infection were identified at an Alabama hospital from October 2021 to February 2022. Adenovirus type 41 was sequenced from 5 patients. In April, the United Kingdom Security Health Agency communicated with the CDC that they have also noted an increase of acute pediatric hepatitis of unknown etiology. In the UK, adenovirus infection was detected in 75% of the cases tested and serotype 41f was also found. The WHO is reporting at least 169 cases of this hepatitis of unknown etiology in children across 12 countries, as of April 21, 2022.</p> <p>The CDC has issued the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinicians should consider adenovirus testing in pediatric patients with hepatitis of unknown etiology. NAAT (e.g. PCR) is preferable and may be done on respiratory specimens, stool or rectal swabs, or blood. 2. Anecdotal reports suggest that testing whole blood by PCR may be more sensitive than testing plasma by PCR; therefore, testing of whole blood could be considered in those without an etiology who tested negative for adenovirus in plasma samples. <p>The CDC is requesting notification from clinicians or state public health authorities of children <10 years of age with elevated aspartate aminotransferase (AST) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (>500 U/L) who have an unknown etiology for their hepatitis (with or without any adenovirus testing results, independent of the results) since October 1, 2021. Please notify your local health department if you have a case in your facility that falls under these parameters.</p> <p>Patient Transfer Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In recent weeks, health departments in North Texas have received increased reports that concerned us. Patients with MDRO history were transferred from one healthcare 					

	<p>facility to another, but the need for transmission-based precautions was not communicated to the care team at the new facility. Therefore, the new facility was not using precautions which led to potential exposures and transmission of the MDRO. We know that most facilities have a process in place for communication of isolation needs to occur between staff in the transfer departments and between the physicians involved in the transfer of care. However, knowing that some recent communication fall outs have led to the transmission of infections and colonization to other patients, we encourage infection preventionists to review transfer communication processes with your facility’s transfer team to ensure that patients’ isolation needs are being communicated. IPs can also help by calling the IP at the receiving facility to notify him/her of the patient’s history. Please also include public health in your communication process, as needed.</p> <p>Healthcare Safety Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSHS is putting on our annual Healthcare Safety Conference this month. The conference will occur from Tuesday, May 17 through Thursday, May 19 and will be held during the first half of each day. DSHS is offering opportunity for attendees to earn CEUs. The registration information can be found on the APIC DFW Calendar webpage. Registration link for the Healthcare Safety Conference: https://swiftsolutions.formstack.com/forms/healthcare_safety_conf_reg [swiftsolutions.formstack.com] <p>Open HAI Epi Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have some vacant positions on our Healthcare Safety Team including HAI epi positions. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Thi for more information. 	
Announcements	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Conference Call</u> Friday, May 13th, 2022 at 12 PM Check Email and Website for Teams details</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting Information:</u> July 7th, 2022 at 1 PM via Teams Poster Presentations from APIC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Professional Advancement Committee</u> First Thursday of every month</p>	

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	Via Teams from 11:00 – 12:30 Check APIC-DFW Website for details	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 14:58	

Next Meeting: July 7th, 2022 via TEAMS