

1. Welcome
  - a. Thank you to our speakers – Diana Cervantes and David Retana, Texas Department of State Health Services (Foodborne Outbreaks among Vulnerable Populations)
  - b. There were no Vendors present this month.
  - c. Dr. Cripps, Parkland & UTSW Trauma surgeon, spoke from the Surgical Infection Society (SIS). Membership information is available on the SIS website
  - d. Visitors/new member introductions. **Visitors and new members were recognized.**
  - e. We're so glad you're here! (Sunshine Committee/door prize – *Pat Jackson/Libby Luterman*) Pat gave out a sunshine door prize.
  
2. Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2015 meeting. **Minutes were approved.**
  
3. Old Business
  - a. DSHS Patient Safety Conference, Houston, Aug 20-21. **APIC-DFW had a couple of members attend and DSHS will make this an annual conference with focus on quality/safety.**
  - b. Texas Infection Prevention Coalition (TIPC), an ad hoc group of IPs within the state of TX, met to consult with and make recommendations to the Emerging and Infectious Disease Branch (Neil Pascoe's team). **Cathy Grayson and Pat Jackson attended. Cathy shared an OCD clip from The Big Bang Theory. TIPC will be an annual meeting.**
  
4. New Business
  - a. CIC Certification Information – Marketing Toolkit. **CBIC marketing pamphlets & print-out were available for members. Cathy Grayson announced new testing information is available on the CBIC website.**
  - a. APIC-DFW Conference 2015 – October 23, 2015 at the Atrium Hotel & Suites in Irving. **Ben Walker and Cathy Grayson announced registration for the conference will soon be available. Conference day check in will begin at 7:00 am with the conference starting at 07:30. A continental breakfast and lunch is included for \$75.00. Theme will be “ A Day in the Life of an IP” and speakers are being finalized.**
  - b. APIC Board of Directors ballot – **Cathy Grayson announced Pat Jackson is on the ballot for National APIC Board of Directors. Historically, around 10-15% of APIC membership votes. Cathy and Pat encouraged APIC DFW members to utilize their voice through voting.**
  
5. Journal Club article (*Mary Fulton*)-Identifying changes in the role of the infection preventionist through the 2014 practice analysis study conducted by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. **Mary presented some key takeaways from her direct participation in the CBIC practice analysis study.**
  
6. Treasurer's report (*Diann Grissom*)- As of Aug 31, 2015:  
**Cathy announced Diann will be out on personal leave for 6 weeks but will still try to check emails. Cathy encouraged members to copy Cathy, Beth Wallace, and Anju Varghese on email communications with Diann.**

Opening Balance, checking	\$33,031.52
Income	\$847.80
Expenses	\$84.22
Closing Balance, checking	\$33,795.10
CD	\$8,453.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,2248.53</b>

7. Officer reports/announcements:

Board Chair	<i>Anju Varghese</i>	Membership	<i>Nancy Cushion</i>
President	<b><u>Cathy Grayson- Cathy announced she will send a blast email to the APIC DFW membership with the willingness to serve form and list of open Board and Nominating</u></b>	Board Member #1	<i>Cheryl Sharp</i>

<b><u>committee positions.</u></b>		
Pres Elect	<b><u>Beth Wallace- Beth encouraged participation in APIC through committees and board position. Beth encouraged all to use the microphone when speaking in order for those members participating remotely to hear the conversation and/or questions.</u></b>	Board Member #2 <b><u>Nicki Andrews- Nicki announced the 2015 Holiday party will occur on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Weis Auditorium on the Methodist Dallas Campus. Nicki encouraged vendors/members donating raffle items to email Jennifer Masengill. Nicki thanked the Sunshine committee for the Sunshine that was sent to the Parkland IP's while Parkland moved into a new facility.</u></b>
Secretary	SharonWilliamson	Board Member #3 April Sutton

8. Committee/SIG announcements:

AIDS Resources	<b><u>Karen Lomas \$49.36 was collected</u></b>	Nominating:	<b><u>Calvin White Debra Culmer encouraged the members to submit a WTS form for upcoming open positions on the Board.</u></b>
Awards	<b><u>Melicia Brown, Nicole Garner- Nicole explained the APIC DFW star awards and process for nominations. Nomination forms are available on the website and all members were encouraged to nominate themselves and/or deserving peers. Deadline for nominations is October 15<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Party.</u></b>	Novice IP SIG	Brenda Helms
Conference	<b><u>Brenda Helms, Ben Walker See above report under new business</u></b>	Professional Advance	<b><u>Mary Fulton, ThiDang- Thi reported the committee is reviewing surveillance and epidemiology topics right now and used a jeopardy style game.</u></b>
Education/Program	Janet Glowicz, Anne Mattern	Public Relations	Donald Chitanda
ESRD LAN	Janet Glowicz	Social	Jennifer Masengill, DenaTaherzadeh- <b><u>see above report under Board Member #2-Nicki Andrews</u></b>
Government Affairs	<b><u>Stephanie Kreiling, Jerry Kelley- Stephanie gave a government affairs update and will facilitate adding the government affairs slides from APIC National to the APIC DFW website. Cathy Grayson praised the government affairs committee and stated that this committee is being utilized as a governmental affairs resource throughout the state.</u></b>	Sunshine	Pat Jackson, Libby Luterman <b><u>See above report</u></b>
Historian	Donald Chitanda	TSICP	Doramarie Arocha
Membership	Nancy Cushion	Surveillance SIG	Kim Newman, Jennifer Adams <b><u>Met</u></b>

Our mission is “to influence, support, and improve the quality and safety of healthcare through the practice and management of infection prevention and control and the application of epidemiology in various healthcare settings. This is accomplished through education, collaboration, evidence-based practice, advocacy, and certification.”

		<b><u>today before the business meeting. Kim encouraged any facility with challenging cases to bring them to the surveillance SIG or email them to Kim so they can be reviewed.</u></b>
National Liaison	<i>Patti Grant</i>	Website <i>Terri Goodman</i>

9. Public Health Update (*Diana Cervantes, Epidemiologist with TxDSHS*)
  - a. **MERS update- Diana explained the Hajj Pilgrimage will be occurring towards the end of the month around September 21-26<sup>th</sup> in Saudi Arabia and MERS cases are expected to increase.**
  - b. **Arboviral 'season' is winding down however providers should remain vigilant for Chikungunya. Signs & symptoms of Chikungunya include fever, rash and joint/muscle pain. There are currently no locally acquired cases however there are travel related cases from Africa, the Caribbean, Mexico, and South/Central America. Dallas County can provide a Chikungunya PCR but it sample must be collected within 5 days of symptom onset.**
10. Open Forum- **Cathy Grayson announced there were 11 members participating remotely via web-stream.**
11. No meeting in October due to local chapter conference. Next meeting will be 11/5/15 at THRU. Topic: Health Literacy for Infection Prevention
12. Adjournment