

1. Welcome
  - a. Thank you to our speaker: Marc-Oliver Wright, MT(ASCP), MS, CIC, FAPIC- APIC/CDC toolkit: Incorporating Infection Prevention Daily Rounds with Frontline Staff
  - b. Thank you to our vendors:
    - Jarid Ghaffari with Ecolab
    - Jason Pritchard with PDI
    - Meredith Matt with Aerobiotix
  - c. Visitors/new member introductions
  - d. We're so glad you're here! (Sunshine Committee/door prize – Heather Kirby/ Shannon Simmons)
2. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2018 meeting- (sent electronically) **Approved**
3. Old Business
  - a. Website Functionality **Helpful website links under Resources tab**
4. New Business
  - a. APIC-DFW National Conference- June 13-15-**Chapter Dinner will be on website**
  - b. CIC eligibility requirement changes **See APIC-DFW website for link to changes**
  - c. Surveillance question and hypotension survey presentation- *Jennifer Adams*
  - d. Public Health Update: Heidi Threadgill Honza, MPH, CPH, CIC **Presented by Thi Dang. Please see last pages for detailed updates.**
    - Flu Closeout
    - S. marcescens recall
    - E.coli outbreak
    - Salmonella outbreak.

5. Treasurer's Report (*Teri Mauldin*)- As of: March 31st

<b>Opening Balance, checking</b>	<b>\$31,955.64</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$209.21</b>
<b>Closing Balance, checking</b>	<b>\$31,746.43</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$8,459.76</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,206.19</b>

6. Officer Reports/Announcements:

Immediate Past President	<i>Lisa Kenner</i>	Board Member #1	<i>Debra Culmer</i>
President	<i>April Sutton</i>	Board Member #2	<i>Calvin White</i>
Pres Elect	<i>Barb Danielson</i>	Board Member #3	<i>Rachel Watson</i>
Secretary	<i>Jennifer Masengill</i>	Board Member #4	<i>Jacqui Hohulin</i>

7. Committee/SIG Announcements:

Awards	<i>LaTitia Houston, Deepika Manandhar</i>	Professional Advance	<i>Thi Dang, Bethany Phillips</i>
Conference <b>10/19</b>	<i>Sasha Gbedemah - Chair</i>	Public Relations	<i>Donald Chitanda</i>
Education/Program	<i>Anne Mattern- Chair</i>	Sunshine	<i>Heather Kirby-chair; Shannon Simmons</i>
Government Affairs	<i>Jasmine Cluck-Chair posted on APIC-DFW website</i>	TSICP	<i>Doramarie Arocha</i>
Historian	<i>Neeraja Ganeshraj</i>	Surveillance SIG	<i>Jennifer Adams attendance:5</i>
National Liaison	<i>Kim Newman</i>	Website	<i>Terri Goodman/Donald Chitanda</i>
Social	<i>Cheryl Hammer &amp; Kay Sanyal Co- Chairs</i>	Community Standards of Practice SIG	<i>Marie Wilson</i>
Nominating	<i>Judy Tran - Chair</i>	Strategic Partner (SGNA)	<i>Anne Mattern</i>

8. Open Forum
9. Next Meeting will be June 7, 2018 at Methodist Charlton Medical Center at 1:00 pm with vendor/member networking prior starting at 12:30pm.
10. Adjournment

Please be aware that if your membership lapses, you will not receive automatically generated communications from our website. If you are not hearing from us, please verify that your membership has not expired!

\*\*There are many benefits to becoming an APIC-DFW member. We cordially welcome anyone with interest in our chapter to attend two meetings to determine if you would like to continue joining us through formal membership.\*\*

Public Health Update: Please contact Thi Dang with questions

1. The 2018 Texas Healthcare Safety Conference will be held in Austin from July 23-24, 2018. Registration is free.  
<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/IDCU/health/Conferences/>
2. In response to the current investigation of the multistate outbreak of *Serratia marcescens* infections and potential association with the use of heparin and saline flushes, BD is voluntarily recalling certain lots of BD PosiFlush™ Heparin Lock Flush and BD™ Pre-Filled Normal Saline Flush syringes due to potential contamination with *S. marcescens*. The recall information can be found on [www.bd.com](http://www.bd.com).

We are requesting a call for cases related to this outbreak. Please have the testing laboratory keep the isolate and call your local health department or me (Thi) if you have cases that meet the following criteria:

- Clusters (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  cases) at a single healthcare facility since April 1, 2018, of *S. marcescens* bloodstream infections in patients who have central venous catheters or ports in place, or
- Cases since April 1, 2018, of *S. marcescens* bloodstream infections among outpatients who have central venous catheters or ports in place.

I will request additional information if your cases meet the epi case criteria.

3. The first case of *C. auris* has been identified in North Texas. This is the second Texas case. Control measures have been implemented in acute care and long term care facilities. These control measures include a public health on-site infection control assessment, retrospective data lookback, implementation of colonization study, and prospective isolate submission.

*C. auris* can be difficult to identify with standard laboratory methods which can lead to misidentification without the correct technology. Misidentification leads to inadequate management of the patient in terms of treatment as well as implementation of appropriate infection control measures. We also know that many times, *Candida* is not speciated. Timely implementation of contact precautions, including utilization of appropriate personal protective equipment and the appropriate environmental disinfectant is crucial to stop the spread of *C. auris* in healthcare settings.

If you have a suspected case of *C. auris*, save the isolate, then contact your local health department or me to confirm the species and conduct susceptibility testing at the ARLN.

## Influenza

Flu activity remains low in the region. This is similar at both the state and national level. Last week, 1.6% of patients presented with influenza-like illness (ILI). That is below the region's baseline of 3.3%. Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported in the region this flu season. A total of 15 in the state and 160 nationwide. During the 2016-2017 flu season, 106 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were

reported. The current flu season was a high severity season. Influenza A/H3N2 was the predominate strain. However, we did see more A/H1N1 this season, more so than the previous flu season. The region saw two significant peaks this flu season, during the last weeks of December and in late January and early February. Over 150 LTCF outbreaks were reported in the region. Our current season tracked along with the 2009 pandemic year in high severity. This was not a pandemic year.

### **Heat surveillance**

Our regional office will be piloting a heat surveillance program this summer. We will be tracking heat related illness/injuries and deaths due to hyperthermia. Our heat surveillance will attempt to cover all of the counties within our region. Steven Pulvino will be producing and distributing the report starting this month and we will continue surveillance until August.

### **Salmonella/Kratom:**

We continue to monitor the Salmonella-Kratom outbreak. Kratom is a plant that is classified as a dietary supplement with opioid-like affects. There have been 2 cases reported in Texas. A laboratory confirmed case of salmonella in late March was in our region. However, this particular case is not included in the outbreak at this time. We were able to collect Kratom capsules from this patient, and one of samples tested positive for salmonella. The patient purchased in the capsules locally. We continue to work with the sanitarians, the CDC, the local health department, and the FDA with this case. As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, the case count for this outbreak was 132. Thirty-eight states are affected.

### **E.coli/Lettuce:**

We also continue to monitor the E.coli/Lettuce outbreak. So far, there have not been any cases in Texas linked to this outbreak. For this outbreak, there have been 98 cases reported in 22 states. Illness started on dates ranging from March 22, 2018-March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Information collected to date indicates that romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region could be contaminated.