



**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN APIC CHAPTER 70
Chapter Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2010

The quarterly meeting of the North Central Wisconsin Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) was held on Friday, February 5th 2010 at Good Samaritan Health Center in Merrill.

CALL TO ORDER

Jeanine Bresnahan for Terri Dums called the meeting to order at 10:15.
Round table introductions were made.

ATTENDEES

14 members present per sign in roster sheet.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

The group welcomed Danny Loosemore from Good Samaritan Health Center who gave a very informative presentation about patient safety and improving outcomes from an infection control and prevention perspective.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary's Report: Carly Jahns

Approval of Minutes—Approved December 4th, 2009 minutes as written.

Membership stands at 45 members.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Carriveau

Checking Account balance: \$XXX

Money Market Index Account balance: \$XXX

Total Net Worth: \$XXX

The chapter's donation to the Salvation Army was greatly appreciated and a thank you letter was shared with members present. Julie shared the chapter's account balance sheet. Reviewed account activities for the end of 2009 and beginning of 2010. The chapter discussed transferring monies from the money market account to apply towards scholarships.

President's Report:

Wisconsin Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention Project-Jeanine provided overview of the WI HAI project. Discussed State grant money for Preventing HAI's-Terri Dums, Chris Brost, and Jeanine participating in state meetings. Letters from the HAI project manager Lois Sater have been sent to hospital CEOs to identify resource utilization related to this project. The HAI draft goals at the two and five year markers were shared with members. Additional points and challenges related to NHSN system were discussed.

Recently, blood stream infection rates were publicly reported by Consumer Reports through the Leap Frog database. Critical access hospitals are not allowed to participate in Leap Frog due to limited number of data.

Scholarships- After discussion among present members, it was decided to remove the "brief summary" portion of the scholarship form as decisions for awards have never been based on this information. This change was approved for the state conference form only.

Legislative Update:

Nothing to update

State Conference Update—Chapter Participation in State Conference

Paul provided update on state conference planning. 2010 is the 20th year anniversary of State Conference. Dr. Rutala and Dr. Maki are among the speakers to present. The planning committee is looking for 20 abstract presentation submissions this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

National Patient Safety Goals Update

Discussion centered on how everyone was complying with JC requirements for physician and health care worker education, and pre-procedure patient education and documentation (i.e. SSI/CLABSI). The central line bundle has been the biggest challenge to implement.

Library Update

Misty updated the Library listing. Listing will be forwarded to Norma to put on the website. The group agreed to remove cassette tapes with corresponding handouts and power point presentations, and outdated books from the library.

WEBSITE Go to www.wisconsinapic.org to see our website.

No new website information—Norma not here to update.

JOINT COMMISSION

No updates

WALK IN ITEMS/OPEN FORUM

Chlorhexidine-There was discussion on healthcare facilities practices and usage of chlorhexidine bath cloths for preoperative orthopedic patients. Informative articles related to patient bathing with chlorhexidine studies are:

1. Vernon, M., Hayden, M., Trick, W., et al. *Chlorhexidine Gluconate to Cleanse Patients in a Medical Intensive Care Unit*. Arch Intern Med. 2006;166: 306-312.
2. Beasdale, S., Trick, W., Gonzales, I., Lyles, R., et al. *Effectiveness of chlorhexidine bathing to reduce catheter associated bloodstream infections in medical intensive care unit patients*. Arch Intern Med. 2007;167(19): 2073-2079.
3. Popovich K, Hota B, Hayes R, Weinstein R., et al. *Effectiveness of Routine Patient Cleansing with Chlorhexidine Gluconate for Infection Prevention in the Medical Intensive Care Unit*. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2009;30:959-963
4. Climo M, Sepkowitz K, Zuccotti G, Fraser V, et al. *The Effect of Daily Bathing with Chlorhexidine*

on the Acquisition of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus, and Healthcare-associated Bloodstream Infections: Results of a Quasi-experimental Multicenter Trial. Critical Care Med 2009;37:1858-1865

MRSA Protocols- Informal discussion took place re MRSA surveillance programs, decolonization regimens among our healthcare facilities. Dr. Bowler and Jeanine Bresnahan's MRSA project is to be published in Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology Journal March 2010.

NEXT AGENDA AND MEETING

April 2nd at GI Associates – Wausau

Plan to order out for lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1430.