

Meeting: Long Term Care APIC Group (28 members attended)

Date: 09/03/09

Topics of the Day:

- 1) Presentation – Melissa Stoeger from Biocodex, Inc. provided a very informative presentation on Florastor (Probiotic). Each member was provided with a folder of information on the product and if anyone was not able to attend today meeting, they can contact Melissa in the following ways:

- a. 650-243-5320, Ext. 566
- b. 650-589-1196 (FAX)
- c. 541-743-1662 (Cell)
- d. mstoeger@biocodexusa.com

Many members have used Florastor and have found it to be very effective for many forms of diarrhea, especially with C-Diff. Members that have a written policy were asked to share at the next meeting. Melissa also stated that more clinical studies can be found at www.sboulardii.com.

- 2) FOCUS Seminar – Debbie Briggs requested a couple LTCF members represent APIC at the October session. Members in the past that did this were Cindy Meyer and Celeste Blaskowski (2007) and Richard Hendrychowski (2008). Richard stated he would do it again and Candace Deleb volunteered to join him. A special thank you was extended to Richard and Candace. It was decided that more APIC pamphlets will be needed and candy will be provided at the booth. After the meeting Cindy suggested “don’t be a dum-dum, be a smartie and wash your hands”.
- 3) State Survey Trends – there was no time today for discussion on this topic.
- 4) Networking/Sharing – there was discussion on the following topics:
 - a. CMS Long-Term Care Facility Policy and Procedure Checklist – Debbie Briggs provided a handout from the National APIC Conference. Note: she had provided the handout at the August APIC meeting, if anyone still needs a copy, contact Cindy Meyer.
 - b. Seminar on “Our Culture Change Journey” – a pamphlet was shared regarding a seminar on 09/23/09 at Shorehaven Health and Rehabilitation Center. Call Lorna Gartzke at 262-560-6922 for more details. Eileen Messnick commented that on 09/15/09, Alliance Pharmacy was also having the same speaker LaVrene Norton at a Get Acquainted session on Person Centered Care.
 - c. Influenza Planning Action Plan 2009 – after the meeting, Eileen Malitz shared a written action plan for Influenza 2009-2010 Season. Note: Cindy will bring copies for members at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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