



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]
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Next Meeting:

Thursday – December 1, 2011
Davians Banquet and Conference Center – Menomonee Falls
N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
Menomonee Falls, WI
0930 – 1100 Board Meeting
1100 – Social Hour
1200 – Luncheon
1300 Program – “Live a little, Laugh a lot”
1400 Business Meeting

Meeting: APIC-SEW Minutes
Location: WFH – Franklin
Date: November 3, 2011

Q Board: There was discussion on the following topic:

1. Dating of Open Bottles (i.e. hydrogen peroxide or alcohol) – is anyone dating open bottles, if so, how and rationale for doing so. The majority of members who responded do date and initial open bottles and abide by expiration date for discarding.
2. Legionella – there was brief discussion regarding six (6) cases in Milwaukee with no source yet.
3. Belly Bag – LTCF member Nancy Maronn shared a new product being used in her LTCF for urinary drainage vs. a leg bag. No acute members have seen the product. Note: for more information on the product, call 919-544-8000 or 866-246-6990.

Presentation of Chapter Donation:

Debbie Briggs presented a \$1,000.00 check from APIC-SEW to Kathy Schneider, Director and Volunteer Coordinator for the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic (for more details refer to Attachment #1 – News Release). Kathy Schneider reported to the group on the following:

- The clinic provides free medical care and pharmaceuticals to low-income, employed Milwaukee residents who are without health insurance.
- The work of the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic is accomplished entirely through private donations and volunteer staff.
- More than 22,000 low-income, employed but uninsured community members have been treated since the clinic opened in 1995.
- Location is at 94th and Lincoln and they are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm until close and they average 20 to 30 residents per night.
- They primarily help residents who need assistance with Diabetes, Hypertension and Infectious Diseases, however do not treat sexually transmitted or HIV cases.
- Need for more volunteers, especially physicians and nurse practitioners. Note: those interested in volunteering or donating to the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic is encouraged to call the clinic at 414-546-FREE 93733).

Program: “Infection Prevention Across the Continuum” by Lisa A. Gorski, MS, HHCNS-BC, DRNI, FAAN Chairperson for Infusion Nurses Society 2011 Standards of Clinical Practice and Clinical Nurse Specialist for WFH Home Health and Hospice. The program was very informative and a power point handout was provided (refer to Attachment #2).

Note: for further information on this topic, feel free to contact Lisa at lisagorski@hotmail.com. After today’s presentation Cindy Meyer sent out the power point presentation to the membership.

Introduction of New Members and Guests: The following new members and guests were introduced to the group:

- **New Member:**
 - Courtney Christiansen, RN – Wauwatosa Health Department at cchristiansen@wauwatosa.net
 - Patricia Doles, RN – Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha at patricia.doles@aurora.org
 - Petrina Griesbach RN, Quality – Froedtert Health St. Joseph’s Hospital in West Bend at pgriesba@froedterthealth.org
- **Guests:**
 - Paul Schanke – Care Fusion at paul.schanke@carefusion.com
 - Julie Schoen, RN, Clinical Consultant – Care Fusion

Approval of Minutes: October minutes approved.

Announcements: The following information was shared:

1. **Christmas Luncheon** – Vera Pischke reminded members to RSVP and send check payable to APIC-SEW no later than 11/22/11 (refer to Attachment #3 – Invitation).
2. **Miscellaneous** – the following was briefly discussed:
 - **Congratulations** – a group applause was provided to APIC-SEW member Theresa Stevens for achieving her certification. Theresa shared the process she went through to achieve the certification and special thanks given to Theresa for donating study materials to the APIC-SEW Resource Library.
 - **Meeting Locations** – are still needed for year 2012.
 - **Open Infection Control Positions** – please refer to the website for specific listings of open Infection Control positions.

New Business: None.

Committee Reports:

1. **Basic Course** – no report, however Debbie Briggs reminded members that the Gundersen Lutheran Training Program is FREE to all health care workers and can be utilized as a good educational tool for staff. **Note:** for more information visit the website at <http://www.gundluth.org/infection>.
2. **Budget and Finance** – Donna Phillips reported that the current balance is \$26,862.12 (\$567.99 checking plus \$26,294.13 savings).
3. **Membership** – Nancy Andritsch reported on the following:

- Current Membership – is at 159+ members due to renewals.
- Membership Directory – National no longer asks for a FAX number to be included within the directory. Nancy asked members if the APIC-SEW Directory should include a FAX number. The majority voted that a FAX number would no longer be necessary. Note: in most email messages, a FAX number is included in the signature component of the messenger.

Note: refer to related information provided within the introduction of new members and guests section to the minutes.

4. Bylaws – nothing new to report.
5. Education – due to today’s presentation of the donation check to the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic, it was decided to postpone Kathy Kaiser’s presentation for a future educational presentation in 2012.
6. Governmental Affairs/Public Health – Gwen Borlaug’s report involved the following topics (refer to Attachment #4):
 - MMWR – 10/28/11 Report on Invasive Group A Strep Infections
 - Medscape – 10/28/11 Game Changers in Infection Control
 - HAI Prevention Collaborative Groups – DPH with WHA and MetaStar.
 - APIC October E-Newsletter regarding Listeria Outbreak
 - Decline in HAI Rates in 2010
 - Effectiveness of the Influenza Vaccine 0 10/26/11 Lancet Infectious Diseases

Note: after today’s meeting, Cindy sent the above detailed report to APIC-SEW membership.

7. Long Term Care (refer to separate minutes).
8. Long-Range Planning/Marketing – Kathy Kaiser announced that a Survey Monkey will be sent out to the APIC-SEW membership for input regarding APIC-SEW meeting structure. The goal is to get the survey to members within the next couple of months.
9. Nominating – Debbie announced that the ballot is now closed and the results will be reported at the December Luncheon meeting. Since the Secretary position was still open when the election took place, three (3) members came forward and offered to be considered for the position (see below listing). The candidates will be reviewed at the next Board meeting for the Board to appoint someone to the position.
 - Denise Block from WFH – Franklin
 - Cheryl Stephan from Virginia Highlands and Rehab – Menomonee Falls
 - Theresa Stevens from Lakeview Neuro Rehab Center – Waterford

A special thank you was extended to the above members for coming forward to fill this need.

10. Program – all that remains for 2011 is the December Luncheon ☺
 - Next Meeting – December (12/01/11) at Davians Banquet and Conference Center: Menomonee Falls – “Live a little, Laugh a lot” by Barb Bancroft.

Vera Pischke reported on the following locations for 2012 (so far):

- January at St. Luke's South Shore in Cudahy – Inspirational Message from National APIC.
- February at Aurora Medical Center in Summit – Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
- March at Pro Health in Waukesha – topic to be determined.

11. Resources – Debbie Schlehlein reported that the following reference materials for the certification exam have been added to the library:

- Basic Microbiology
- Exam Study Guide
- Lab Interpretation
- Transmission Based Precautions

12. State Seminar/Conference – Kathy Kaiser report that the planning process for the 2012 State Seminar is in progress.

13. Website – no report.

Adjournment: 2:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Meyer, RN, BSN
Recording Secretary