



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]

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Next Meeting!

Thursday, February 5, 2009
Waukesha Memorial Hospital

725 American Avenue

Waukesha, WI

Program: WEDSS [WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System]

0930-1100 Board Meeting

0800 Basic Course

1100 Committees

1230 Q Board

1300 Program

1400 Business Meeting

APIC-SEW

Business Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2009

Introduction of new members and visitors:

Guests: Cheryl Solochek – Seven Oaks & Kate Heinecke – Washington Co. Health Dept.

New Members: Donna Fisher – Terrace at St Francis & Alisha Greene – Brookside Care Center.

Program: Dr. Ty Vanniewenhoven – Food Safety/Agroterrorism.

Minutes: approved with following correction: Pat Pearson was announced as the elected treasurer for a 2 year term.

Announcements: Nancy Riederer reported she received many complaints about lack of parking for the December luncheon and asked if the chapter would like to look into finding a different location for the 2009 luncheon. The group agreed parking is an issue. Several suggestions were made. A vote was taken. In December the chapter will have a catered luncheon at the Wheaton Franciscan Outpatient Health Center.

Please sign up to be on a committee.

Committee Reports:

Basic IC Course: The registration form was e-mailed last week. Return completed registration forms by January 23, 2009. Course will begin at 0800 on chapter meeting days beginning in February.

Budget & Finance: Ending balance as of December 31, 2008 is \$38,707.62 (\$4938.51 checking + \$33,769.11 savings.)

Bylaws: No report.

Education: Mindy Weiss will chair the education committee for the upcoming year.

Governmental Affairs & Public Health:

- The January 2 issue of the MMWR contains the immunization schedule for persons aged 0-18. Go to: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5751a5.htm?s_cid=mm5751a5_e
- Influenza vaccination of HCWs in hospitals and nursing homes: This year BCD will be making a telephone call to the hospital CEO or NH administrator in those facilities that either do not submit an influenza vaccination rate, do not submit a survey, or that achieve a rate in the lower 10th percentile.
- BCD has been contacted about the Department of Health and Human Services strategic plan for reducing health care associated infections. A specific question asked was whether the federal plan should require states to write plans as well. HHS is also taking action on infections associated with ambulatory care centers in the aftermath of the Nevada hepatitis C outbreak.
- DPH is working on purchasing a partner communications notification system, which would be used to send public health alerts and advisories to physicians and other partners during public health emergencies.
- The December 2007 issue of the *American Journal of Infection Control* contains a supplement reviewing evidence on the impact of hand hygiene in the home and other community settings. Among the authors' recommendations are to select a hand hygiene method (soap and water vs. alcohol hand sanitizers) based on low, moderate, or high risk situations.
- Dept of HHS working on an action plan to deal with HAIs. Getting pressure from Government Accountability Office. WHA, PH & ICPs from each 4 chapters will be brought together to go over the plan and send back with comments/recommendations. "Voice of Wisconsin". There will be spring meetings for comments. Link will be on our home page.
- Annals of Internal Medicine: non-hospital cases of Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C transmission estimated at 60,000 over last 10 years. Now looking at Ambulatory Surgery Centers and freestanding dialysis centers.

Check APIC website for updates and APIC e-news.

Long-term care: See LTC minutes.

Long-range planning/Marketing: No report.

Membership: 2008 Annual Report – Currently at 148 members (up for 2008). In 2008: 18 guests, 46 new members (mostly LTC) and 31 not renewed.

Nominating: No report.

Program: For February: WEDSS [Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System].

Need ideas for upcoming programs.

Please e-mail ideas to Kathy Kaiser at: kathleen.kaiser@phci.org

Resources: see attachment with minutes. 2008 purchased 11 new resources. Discarded old resources (prior to 2000).

State Seminar: State Seminar will be April 30 & May 1, 2009.

Discussion took place about the chapter's choice for charitable donation (proceeds from silent auction & raffle at State Seminar). Several charities were suggested:

- WI Pressure Ulcer Coalition - Doctors without borders
- Ronald Mc Donald House - MACC fund
- Smile Train - free clinic
- Food pantry - Second Harvest of WI
- Hunger Task Force

A vote was taken. SEW Charitable Donation will go to Second Harvest of WI with the stipulation that the money is to be used for food and not administrative costs.

Website: Kathy Miller new Webmaster for all 4 chapters. She will up load all information so should no longer have a problem running out of space. No time frame for new format. Gayle Land will remain as liaison. Send suggestions for changes or things you would like to see added to Gayle Land.

Reminder: In case of inclement weather: Check Channel 4 WTMJ website or radio for meeting cancellations.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Lintott RN, CIC

Recording Secretary

Meeting: Long Term Care APIC Group

Date: 01/08/09

Attendance: a total of twenty (20) members were present.

Topics of the Day:

1. Welcome to New Members – the following new members were welcomed to the group:
 - a. Donna Fisher from The Terrace at St. Francis
 - b. Cheryl Solochek from Seven Oaks
 - c. Alisha Greene from Brookside Care Center

2. Training at Luther Manor for Wisconsin Immunization Program – Cindy Meyer announced that the training at Luther Manor will be “on hold” due to some computer program changes taking place at Luther Manor. Cindy will let the members know when the class could be offered.

3. Survey Results – Cindy Meyer thanked members that participated in a survey that was passed out at the November LTC meeting. She provided each member with a copy of the results (refer to Attachment #1). Note: the survey was in regards to the type and size of our facilities and hats worn besides the ICP role. If anyone would like a copy, contact Cindy Meyer at Luther Manor.

4. Board Meeting – Debbie Briggs briefly reported on the following:
 - a. Membership – there were 40 new members during 2008 and the majority was from Long Term Care!
 - b. May Seminar Fundraiser – need a suggestion on who to give the money to from the SEW chapter . . . this will be discussed at the regular meeting today.
 - c. Topics for Presentations – after a brief discussion amongst the LTCF group, members came up with the following suggestions for presentations for 2009:
 - i. MD Speaker – get the same doctor that presented on Aspiration Pneumonia as he was a good speaker on elderly issues.
 - ii. Over Usage of Antibiotics in the Elderly – by Dynacare ore ACL or both.
 - iii. Cultural Diversity

5. State Survey Trends – a couple of members recently had State Surveyors in their facility and following were areas focused on:

- a. F-tags 323 and 444
- b. Pacemakers – make sure this is caught upon Admission Assessments.
- c. Diabetic Skin Assessments – looking for a daily HS assessment vs. weekly.
- d. Immunizations – if you have consent, it must be in the medical record not a separate binder.
- e. Nursing Hours – must be posted.
- f. Handwashing – cites are still being given for non-compliance.
- g. Falls – have been a big focus, especially the evaluation piece to interventions used to prevent falls (i.e. some facilities are doing this quarterly and documenting reduction attempts on the interventions).
- h. Unnecessary Drugs – there was discussion on the following:
 - i. Antibiotics - specifically use of antibiotics and definitely do not have residents on prophylactic antibiotics. One member reported that they had a 90% reduction in antibiotics when all antibiotic orders have to be approved by the DON/ICP.
 - ii. Orders by APRN's – some facilities have been having problems with nurse practitioners as they seem to need more education on the criteria for UTI's.
 - iii. ER Visits – it is frustrating on how frequently residents that go to the ER with a change in condition come back with the diagnosis UTI and they did not meet the criteria. Some members contact the MD that prescribed and then document conversation in the nurses notes regarding notification to the MD that the criteria was not met.

6. Basic Course – it was clarified that requests can be made to the Board for financial assistance with the fees for the course (refer to the APIC-SEW Policy Manual – Section D.07: Use of Chapter Funds to Attend Conferences/Seminars).

7. Networking/Sharing – there was discussion on the following topics:

- a. Gastroenteritis – a few members commented that they would be willing to share policies regarding staff call-ins (i.e. reasons must be specific, must remain off for 48 hours if calling in with GI symptoms, absence not counted against them during an Outbreak and specifics from the new

Dietary Guidelines). Note: copies of policies will be brought to the February meeting . . . if you have a policy on this topic, please bring to the February meeting.

- b. Respiratory Illness – as above some members have been sending ill staff home with respiratory symptoms and masks are not encouraged. If staff insists, then the mask must be changed every 20 minutes . . . this usually is successful in convincing the staff person to go home.
- c. Cellulitis – one member shared success with use of Tubigrips to decrease the swelling.
- d. Pushing of Fluids – need to define what is meant by “pushing fluids” and also need to monitor via an Intake and Output Record. Note: this discussion was in relation to residents that are asymptomatic for UTI.
- e. Infection Verification Reports – one member files the report in the medical record in the lab section. Note: this is not required as the report is a surveillance tool.
- f. Transfer Forms – some facilities have revised forms used when a resident transfers from the LTCF to the hospital, specifically adding a section to address the condition of the resident’s skin upon transfer. Note: it was suggested that members that have a good Transfer form bring a copy to the next meeting.
- g. Inservice Ideas on Infection Control – the following ideas were shared:
 - i. Safety Fair – Cindy Meyer passed around some visual cartoons related to Infection Control and OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens with questions that were used in a game with teams at her facilities Safety Fair. Note: if anyone would like more information, contact Cindy Meyer.
 - ii. Clostridium Difficile – Nancy Morann stated that she put together an inservice based upon the information that APIC sent to each member. She will bring it to the next meeting in February and explain how she did it.
- h. Commode Liners – Nancy will bring a sample of a new type of liner for commodes that solidify waste and helps with disposal without the risk of disease transmission with C-Diff residents.
- i. Siderails – members briefly talked about the “halo grab bar” that was recommended at the DON Council seminar vs. siderails or half rails . . . are any members using this product?

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Meyer

Luther Manor

