



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]
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Next Meeting!
Thursday, March 4, 2010
St. Luke's South Shore
5900 S. Lake Drive
Cudahy, WI

0930 Board Meeting
1100 Committees
1115-1215 LTCF Meeting
1230 Q Board
1300 Program – Exposure Notification of Emergency Responders by Jason Mims
1400 Business Meeting

Meeting: APIC-SEW Minutes
Location: Columbia St. Mary's East Lake Building
Date: February 4, 2010

Q Board: The following was topic was discussed:

- 1) Drape with Visual Window – Jennifer Trecroci asked members if a surgical drape exists that has a visual window over the head section in order to see the patient's face. Kathy Kaiser shared the style they use is a head-to-toe drape with openings for central line placement. Other members report that they just prop the drape off of the face.

Program: “Over Treatment of Bacteriuria” by Dr. Paul Drinka. He provided a nice Power Point handout and after the meeting provided other resources which will be sent to APIC-SEW members by the Cindy Meyer, Recording Secretary.

Introduction of New Members and Guests: Vera Pischke welcomed the following new members and guests:

- 1) New Members/Guests:
 - Sally Calvillo – Columbia St. Mary's
 - Laura Foster – Golden Years of Walworth
 - Amy Jablonowski – Aurora Burlington
 - Brian Jankowski – Kindred
 - Darlette Kleinmann – Congregational Home
 - Jacqueline Kowalski – WI Immunization Program
 - Judy Kuhn – Menomonee Falls Surgery Center
 - Cynthia Nelson – Lake Country Health and Rehab

- Christine Ninu – Kindred
- New Members/Guests: (continued)
- Cathy Schwartz – St. Camillus
 - Richard Weening – Prolitec, Inc

Approval of Minutes: December minutes approved.

Announcements: The following information was shared:

- 1) Website – APIC-SEW has paid their share for the Wisconsin website.
- 2) State Seminar/Conference:
 - a) Save the Date – cards will be sent out on 02/11/10. Note: the dates for the conference are 04/29/10 and 04/30/10.
 - b) Abstracts – Pat Pearson reported that the goal is to receive twenty (20) since this will be the 20th Anniversary. Cindy Meyer shared her positive experience in submitting an abstract regarding handling an influenza outbreak at a LTCF . . . and she won! She went on to report that it may be a bit scary to do, however every ICP has a good story that they can tell and it's not too difficult to put in abstract and poster form. For more information, contact Pat Pearson at ppearson@stjosephswb.com or go to the website for guidelines.
- 3) Committees – flip charts on each committee were posted for members to sign up for 2010.
- 4) Open ICP Positions – the following information will also be added to the website:
 - a) Aurora – Summit and St. Luke's (candidates need to be a RN).
 - b) Columbia St. Mary's – initially at the Milwaukee campus then eventually Ozaukee campus as Gen Kloth announced that she will be retiring this year (candidate can be a RN or Microbiologist).
- 5) Thank You Card – Nancy Riederer shared a nice card from Bonnie Grahn for her retirement gift from APIC-SEW members.
- 6) Meeting Cancellations due to Weather – Kathy Kaiser announced that based upon last month's experience with WTMJ and postings of cancellations, she will make arrangements in October to have APIC-SEW meeting cancellation be posted in the Milwaukee County section as that is where the majority of members come from. Since that change can not take place until October, we will need to rely on the current system and email messages.
- 7) Meeting Refreshments – hosting facilities were reminded that the maximum amount of money budgeted for meeting refreshments is \$125.00 and also that refreshments are not provided at the Basic Course presentations.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Basic Course – chairperson Linda Coakley reported that there is no Basic Course for 2010, however she would like to form a study group for the Infection Control Certification Exam. Any members interested should contact Linda at Lcoakley@twhh.org It was also announced that group gets together the Wednesday evening before the State Seminar/Conference.
- 2) Budget and Finance – Pat Pearson reported the beginning balance as of January 1, 2010 is \$31,988.14 (\$4,406.34 checking plus \$27,481.80 savings). She also introduced Donna Phillips as the new Treasurer Elect. She went on to report that it will be the goal for Donna to coordinate scholarships.
- 3) Bylaws – Kathy Kaiser reported that the creation of the Treasurer Elect position, will require a change to the bylaws.
- 4) Education – due to technical difficulties, Gwen Borlaug will present the video at the next

meeting in March.

- 5) Governmental Affairs/Public Health – Gwen Borlaug provided the following report:
 - a) State HAI Prevention Project
 - i. Surveillance Coordinator – Gwen introduced Ashlie Dowdell to the group. She began working in this new position on 01/01/10. She will provide technical support and consultation for the National Healthcare Safety Network and the CDC HAI incidence reporting database. She can be reached at Ashlie.dowdell@wi.gov
 - ii. Packet of Information – was recently sent to hospital CEO's about the project and how they can support their hospital's participation. The hospital ICP's will soon receive the packet.
 - iii. Contracts – DPH will soon finalize contracts with Wisconsin Hospital Association and MetaStar and additional hospitals will be invited to enroll in their collaborative groups.
 - b) Proposed Federal Budget – includes some cuts in the public health sector, but increases the budget in two (2) areas (food safety and bio-terrorism countermeasures):
 - i. Food Safety – the FDA would receive an additional \$318 million to help focus on:
 - i. Prevention
 - ii. Boost surveillance
 - iii. Enforcement
 - iv. Response to address the increased incidence of food-borne outbreaks.
 - ii. Bio-terrorism - \$500 million is included to improve countermeasures.
 - iii. Proposed CDC Budget – contains level funding for preparedness and an overall cut of \$9 million.
 - iv. Supplemental Funding for H1N1 – was not expanded and will be redirected toward molecular vaccine technology. There was some discussion about plans for the next vaccine for 2010-2011 season, more information to come 02/22/10.
 - c) MMWR (01/29/10 issue) – this particular issue reports on outbreaks of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) in LTCF's and emphasizes the importance of:
 - i. Sick Healthcare Workers – keeping them out of the workplace.
 - ii. Seasonal and H1N1 Vaccine – ensure that HCW's receive the vaccine.
 - d) Consumer Reports (March 2010 issue) – Gwen briefly talked about the issue features an article about HAI's. The report studied central-line associated blood stream infections. Both APIC and the CDC have issued media statements on this topic.
 - e) Local Public Health Departments – Gwen invited members from the local public departments to give an update if they wished. Washington County reported that they recently vaccinated 214 in Germantown at the library and 50 in Kewaskum.
- 6) Long Term Care – refer to LTCF minutes.
- 7) Long-Range Planning/Marketing – Nancy Riederer reported on the following projects for 2010:
 - a) APIC-SEW Brochure – to be updated and revised.
 - b) Ronald MacDonald House – different ideas are being pursued regarding the donation from the State Seminar/Conference Silent Auction proceeds. It was suggested at the Board meeting to invite a representative to a future APIC-SEW meeting to provide a presentation on their purpose and their needs that the donation could go towards.
 - c) FOCUS Seminar – APIC will be represented at the November 2010 LTCF conference with this year's focus on Infection Control.
- 8) Membership – Vera Pischke reported on the following:
 - a) Current Membership – a total of 159 paid members.
 - b) Membership Directory – the list was passed around to members to correct/update any

information.

- c) Name Tags – all paid members received a new yellow name tag when they signed in today (blue name tags are designated for Board members). If members have let their membership expire or if it due to expire 03/31/10, they did not receive a name tag. Vera encouraged those members to visit www.apic.org and go to the “renew” section.
 - i. Wearing of Name Tags – all members are encouraged to wear name tags to meetings for the purposes of networking.
- 9) Nominating – Tricia Tull announced that she will co-lead this committee with Laura Grant and Judith Savard.
- 10) Program – Debbie Briggs reported on the following:
 - a) March 2010 at St. Luke's South Shore - “Exposure Notification of Emergency Responders” by Jason Mims.
 - b) Future Topics (under consideration):
 - i. Ronald MacDonald House
 - ii. Fecal Transfer Program
 - iii. Clostridium Difficile
 - iv. Gastrointestinal and Biliary

Note: any member is encouraged to submit program ideas to Debbie Briggs; please state the topic and a suggested speaker with information on how to contact.
- 11) Resources – Deb Schehlein reported on the following:
 - a) Updated List of Current Resources – Deb will submit a list to Cindy Meyer, Recording Secretary to send out to members.
 - b) Old Resources – will be donated to the Badger Chapter's Sister Facility in Kenya.
 - c) On-Line APIC Text – Deb is the only one that has access to the text, so if members would like something, Deb will need to make a copy and FAX the information.
 - d) Infection Control Manual for Ambulatory Care – will be purchased.
- 12) State Seminar/Conference – the following was reported by Pat Pearson and Kathy Kaiser:
 - a) 20th Anniversary – this year is special as it marks the 20th Anniversary when APIC-SEW created the concept 20 years ago.
 - b) Registration Fee – has not changed.
 - c) Donations for Supplies:
 - i. Pro-Health – has covered cost for handouts.
 - ii. Wheaton – has covered cost for brochures.
 - iii. Aurora – will be contacted to cover the cost for name tags and postage.
 - d) Volunteer – Kathy encouraged members to get involved by volunteering the day of the seminar.
 - e) Silent Auction – the following ideas have been suggested for APIC-SEW donation to the silent auction:
 - i. Basket with a Picnic Theme
 - ii. Items with Workplace Logol (i.e. coffee mug) – that would be a lot of items if each APIC-SEW member donated one (1) item.
- 13) Website – there was no report, however awaiting updates.

Adjournment: 3:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Meyer, RN, BSN
Recording Secretary