



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]

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Next Meeting!
Thursday, June 4, 2009
St. Joseph Community Hospital
3200 Pleasant Valley Road
West Bend, WI

Program: H1N1 (Swine) Flu – Lessons Learned

0930-1100 Board Meeting
0800 Basic Course
1100 Committees
1230 Q Board
1300 Program
1400 Business Meeting

APIC-SEW
Business Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2009

Introduction of new members and visitors:

Guests: Margo from Hartford Healthcare Center.

Program: *Clostridium difficile* presented by Dr. Mary Beth Graham

Minutes: approved as written.

Announcements:

- WI HAI Action Plan – Steering Committee: Gwen Borlaug stated the State is planning on developing a steering committee to address decreasing HAIs mirroring the federal plan.
- ICP position at Select Specialty Hospital – Select Specialty has a vacant position.
- Reuters 100 Top Hospitals - Three hospitals in SE Wisconsin have achieved this recognition: Wheaton Franciscan – St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Prohealth Waukesha Memorial Hospital and Aurora West Allis Medical Center.
- Abstracts still needed for State Seminar.

Committee Reports:

Basic IC Course: For book keeping purposes Nancy Riederer requested that members make arrangements to pay in advance and that basic course payment be made at the time of registration. Please get payment to Pat Pearson as soon as possible.

Budget & Finance: Beginning balance as of April 1, 2009 is \$38,812.61 (\$4,975.37 checking + \$33,837.24 savings.)

Bylaws: No report.

Education: Currently the chapter has no chairperson for the education committee. Anyone interested please talk with Nancy Riederer. Only need to meet one time to plan the remainder of the 10-minute education presentations for the remainder of the year.

Patti Wilson gave a presentation on the Differences between the Generations.

Governmental affairs and Public Health:

- CDC has new resources for health care facilities called, “Preparedness Resources for Healthcare Facilities,” at http://emergency.cdc.gov/healthcare/?s_cid=ccu022309_HealthFacilities . It has sections for inpatient, outpatient, and long term care settings.
- The February 18 issue of *JAMA* features an article about the reduction of MRSA catheter associated blood stream infections by 50% in ICUs from 1997-2007. Go to <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/549134/> to read a news release about the article.
- APIC, CDC, and other healthcare associations have teamed up to launch an educational campaign on safe injection practices called “One and Only,” using the phrase one needle, one syringe, and only one time. Go to <http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/> for information for patients as well as providers.
- The MRSA educational section of the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/mrsa now has materials for healthcare providers, which includes a treatment algorithm for CA MRSA infections.
- Update on public reporting of HAIs legislation in WI—one legislator has sought the advice of the original sponsor of the 2004 bill. The original sponsor is still not interested in pushing the bill at this time. WHA and DPH have had conversations and both favor a voluntary system such as CheckPoint® managed by WHA.

Meanwhile it appears state health departments may be getting funds for HAI prevention activities, through both the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill and the federal stimulus package. If so, DPH and WHA will be teaming up to lead a coalition of healthcare and academic partners to develop a statewide comprehensive HAI action plan patterned after the DHHS plan.

- The new acting director of CDC is Richard Besser, MD. He was an EIS officer in 1991 during the outbreak of hemolytic uremic syndrome in Boston during which he linked the cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 to unpasteurized apple cider. He also served as director of the Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response beginning on August 29, 2005, two hours before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf States.
- APIC is hosting a live webinar on carbapenem resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* on April 8 at 12:00 pm CDT. The speaker is Dr. Arjun Srinivasan. Registration for the webinar is now closed but APIC members can view the archived event by going to the APIC website at <http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=2078>
- The notification portion of the Ryan White Act was inadvertently removed by Congress this past session but has now been reinstated. Healthcare facilities must continue to notify emergency response personnel of certain infectious diseases present in patients they have transported. The diseases are infectious pulmonary TB, hemorrhagic fevers, HBV infection, meningococcal disease, HIV/AIDS, plague, diphtheria, and rabies.

- APIC is working on an updated infection prevention principles and practices text that will be available online.
- Congressional update: the new budget contains three main sources of funding for infection prevention—the stimulus package, the FY09 budget, and a third house resolution beefing up the public health infrastructure.

Long-term care: See LTC minutes.

Long-range planning/Marketing: No report.

Membership: Currently at 156 paid members.

Nominating: No report.

Program: see website – need ideas for January & February 2010.

August: reports from Nationals

September: National speaker – Christine Nutty on “Importance of Certification”

Resources: No report.

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

Website: No report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

4/2/09 APIC LTC Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Debbie Briggs, Margo Patzlaff, Anna Marciniak, Pam Pierson, Pam Reody, Yvonne Kraker, Dawn Nimitz, Dianne Luon, Pat Franke, Sandy Hartig, Naomi Faust, Lori Carroll, Cheryl Solocheck, Deb Cooper, Judy Savard, Deb Schlehle, Alisha Greene, Michele Milczkowski, Eileen Messnick, Lori Barkhaus, Gaylyn Radvenz, Susan Pankoff, Candace Caleb, Lydia Chenoweth, Kristin Schenk, Debra Phelps, Brenda Roehr, Mary Darling, Richard Hendrychowski, Katie Quintamilla

Cindy Meyer excused d/t Norovirus Outbreak that started 3/3 and has affected 117 residents and 7 out of 8 units.

Norovirus Recommendations:

- Keep unnecessary people off affected unit.
- Use empiric precautions- isolate based on symptoms
- Limit visiting.
- Keep isolation supplies stocked.
- Post signs limiting visitors.
- Postpone admissions.
- Rule out laxative use or others causes.
- Specimens to state lab.
- Upper management must support HR
- Judy from Racine is having her staff wipe grab bar and toilet with Saniwipes Plus after every use.
- Lydia from the VA asked about allowing smoking during an outbreak. Most facilities are nonsmoking.
- Debbie developed a new call in slip she'll share via e-mail.
- Public Health looking closely at employee illness and if staff are kept off work for at least 48 hours.
- Debbie Briggs shared hand outs: Infection Prevention: Breaking the chain and is willing to e-mail out.
- Discussion was had about employees who get sick. They must be able to prove they acquired from facility and be off 7 days for workers compensation.

C-difficile

- Ivonne from Alexian Village asked about a resident with history of C-diff becoming positive again. Most agreed to count as community acquired.
- Candice asked about describing C-diff as mild, moderate and severe and Flagyl vs. Vanco. This was deferred to APIC general meeting presentation.
- Many facilities are using liquid Vanco as it's cheaper for treating C-diff.
- Anna from ACL mentioned the state can test for resistant strain but ACL and Dino lab don't currently have the test. ACL will have it in the near future.

New Dietary Guidelines

- Eileen from Alliance mentioned an IJ cite related to eggs (must be pasteurized and yolk must be cooked to 140degrees) when "eggs to order" as part of resident centered care.
- Deb from Three Pillars shared her facility has been using pasteurized eggs since Salmonella Outbreak in 1997.
- Concern about cook-outs expressed as all food must be prepared in professional kitchen.

General Isolation

- Designated equipment – disposable stethoscopes and thermometers
- Glucose monitors designated for residents.
- Pulse ox wiped down.
- Dispatch wipes/ Saniwipes Plus used to wipe down equipment.
- Concern is if the equipment is really being wiped down.
- Lifts must be wiped down.
- Tote to hold Saniwipes can be hung on lift.
- Mary from Marian Fran shared a cite re to keeping saniwipes out and unlocked.
- Placement of hand sanitizer was discussed. Placement by time clock suggested.

- Pat from Cedar Lake has foam hand sanitizer in resident rooms.

Tb

- Questions about the need for Chest X-rays came up. Reference was made to MMWR 2005 Tb Guidelines.

Respectfully submitted

Tricia Tull