



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]

Web Site: www.wisconsinapic.org

Next Meeting!

Thursday, April 2, 2009

WFH – Wauwatosa

St. Joseph's Outpatient Center

201 N. Mayfair Road

Wauwatosa, WI

Program: Mary Beth Graham MD [Froedtert] – C. Diff

NOTE: PROGRAM TIME CHANGE – 1400

0930-1100 Board Meeting

0800 Basic Course

1100 Committees

1130 LTC Group Meeting

1230 Q Board

1300 Business Meeting

1400 Program

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Business Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2009

Introduction of new members and visitors:

Guests: Paula Zwieg – ACL

New Members: Lori Carroll – Oakridge Care Center, Union Grove; David Rees – Bard;
Jennifer Rohrbeck – Rocky Noll; Roxanne Taylor – Rocky Noll

Program: Terry Moen – OSHA Update

Minutes: approved.

Announcements:

- State Seminar brochure is out. Pick up yours today. Also available in PDF format on the Website.
- Call for abstracts for State Seminar both informational and educational. \$100 prize.

- LTC meeting room. Not always possible. Please be courteous when entering and keep personal conversations down to a dull roar.
- Committee members wanted. Check the policies on line to see what each committee is all about and what is involved with membership.

Committee Reports:

Basic IC Course: Approx. 20 members participating. Sessions seem to be going well.

Budget & Finance: Beginning balance as of March 1, 2009 is \$38,132.43 (\$4,315.37 checking + \$33,817.06 savings.)

Bylaws: No report.

Education: Kathy Kaiser gave a presentation on ICPs role in construction, esp. “green” flooring made of recycled tires in the lab.

Next month Patti Wilson will talk on “Educational differences between ICPs of varying ages”.

Governmental Affairs/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.

Once again a bill on public reporting of health care infections will be proposed in the Wisconsin legislature, and with interest beyond the original sponsor, is likely to pass. WHA and DPH are working to influence to ensure it is crafted properly.

NEJM – today – article by Dr. Maki on foodborne illness and knowing where your food comes from.

“National Vaccine Court” ruled against the plaintiff in a case about MMR causing autism.

Long-term care: See LTC minutes.

Long-range planning/Marketing: Keep checking National APIC website for most current information.

Regarding mandatory reporting, WHA Dana Richardson is questioning is there a system for reporting? Some are using Midas, AICE, SafetySurveillor and NHSN. Are there any others out there?

Working on inviting Second Harvest to come to a meeting to pick up their check (as our designated charity). Will contact local news media.

Membership: Currently at 153 paid members. Nametags are ready for all members paid as of 3/31/09. There is a separate color for Board members to easily distinguish in case members have questions.

Nominating: No report.

Program: see website

Resources: List of resources available is posted on website. If there is a resource you think the chapter should purchase contact Deb Schlehlein.

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

Website: Several individuals stated they were having difficulty getting in to the website. Will monitor. If problem persists

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Lintott RN, CIC

Recording Secretary

APIC LTC Meeting Minutes 3/5/09

- Attendance: Debbie Briggs, Debra Cooper-Suminski, Mary Darling, Naomi Faust, Donna Fisher, Alisha Greene, Sandy Hartig, Richard Hendrychowski, Yvonne Kraker, Eileen Malitz, Nancy Moronn, Cindy Meyer, Michele Mieczkowski, Susan Pankoff, Gaylyn Raduenz, Pam Reading, Brenda Roehr, Judy Savard, Debbie Schlehlein, Tricia Tull, Mary Zemke, Roxanne Taylor, Jenny Rohrbeck, Paula Zwieg, Anna Marciniak
- New Members introduced themselves.
- State Survey Experiences were shared:
 1. Judith in Racine was visited during a Norovirus outbreak. Sites included weight loss and a missing diagnoses of CHF in the care plan the morning after admission.
 2. Others shared being asked for a line list during outbreak, inadequate documentation, expired meds, meds from deceased resident on med cart.
- Norovirus Outbreaks experienced at multiple facilities. Actions shared:
 1. Dedicating staff
 2. Limiting visitors
 3. Limiting activities
 4. Pedialyte for hydration
 5. Holding stool softeners
 6. Disposable equipment, although limited availability during outbreak.
 7. Empiric Precautions
 8. Outbreak management policies available to supervisors
 9. Bleach
 10. Resident and Employee Line lists. (Age of employee requested on staff line list to track population affected- mainly young moms at 1 facility)
 11. explanation of residents ruled out for Norovirus in notes
 12. One facility had a Grand Reopening after 2 1/2weeks of limited activities.
 13. CNA's were notified at a meeting "If you're looking for a mental health day, please don't mention GI symptoms."
 14. Pathogen of the month educational poster.
- Cindy, Deb, and Debbie had GI outbreaks determined not to be Norovirus. Deb S. shared her experience with multiple residents with diarrhea without other symptoms. State was called and told her it wasn't Norovirus d/t lack of vomiting and temps. Debbie B. had 14 residents with diarrhea on 14 bed unit, again without other symptoms. Empirical isolation was done, unit was shut down, and Norovirus was ruled out.
- Different practices happening with C-difficile and shared bathrooms. Some facilities give sick resident commode. Others give well resident commode.

- One facility mentioned buying Policies and Procedures from Pathways.
- Please bring information to the following questions that came up to the next meeting:
 1. Are you breaking the seal for foley bag changing to leg bags only when necessary? Are your leg bags anti-reflux?
 2. Do you have suggestions for odor management? Azocranberry tablets, urine odor neutralizers, Odor Care or Baccdown from Professional Supply Company are available for drains and foley, M9 Drop Deodorizer (for drainage bags) 8oz.-13.74 from McKesson.
 3. Do you collect and sanitize urinals weekly?
 4. Are you using barriers under accuchecks? Richard shared his facility obtained individual resident accuchecks free of charge for all residents from Microdot. His contact is Fred Enigman, Cambridge Sensors Limited, 815-341-8094, Ebgiemeter@ameritech.net.
- Cindy shared an interesting experience with animal therapy. The cat owners brought litter boxes into the facility.
- Eileen Messnick has a contact for a presentation on the use of probiotics.
- Mark Kontos will come to the meeting at Froedert on August 6th and will provide lunch. His presentation will basic on all labs unless another topic decided on by group.
- Please bring other educational requests/ideas to the attention of the board.

Even the folk humorist Will Rogers knew about the potential value of mistakes. He said, "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

As you pursue your dreams and goals, just remember, it's better to attempt something great and fail than attempt nothing and succeed.