



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]
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Next Meeting!
Thursday – April 1, 2010
WFH – Franklin
10101 S. 27th Street
(27th and Oakwood)
Franklin, WI

0930 Board Meeting
1100 Committees
1115-1215 LTCF Meeting
1230 Q Board
1300 Program – An Overview of the Mission and Purpose of the Ronald McDonald House
by Mike Backus
1400 Business Meeting

Meeting: APIC-SEW Minutes
Location: St. Luke's South Shore
Date: March 4, 2010

Q Board: The following was topics were discussed:

- 1) Pet Therapy in the ER – the question was raised by Waukesha Memorial. The majority of members responded “no” and posed the question . . . where is the literature to show that this would be a good thing to do?
- 2) Transportation of Blood and Body Fluids for Suction Canisters – Mary Luzinski asked the question in regards to compliance with the Department of Transportation. She asked members for a show of hands regarding the following (who does)::
 - 1) Solidify waste.
 - 2) Use a waste management system like Neptune or Dornach.
 - 3) Have the HCW wear appropriate PPE and empty disposable suction canisters using the “pour low and slow method”.
- 3) Isolation Carts (outside the patient's room) – Vera Pischke asked the question about whether they need to be disinfected before re-use for another patient. The majority of members replied “yes”, especially members in LTCF.

Program: “Reporting Communicable Diseases to EMS Providers” by Jason Mims, RS, Health and Safety Officer, City of Milwaukee Fire Department and Chris Moi, RN, MBA COHN-S, Health Services Medical College of Wisconsin. They provided a Power Point handout and a laminated guide “Emergency Responder Communicable Disease Reporting Process. Members provided the speakers with the following feedback for further discussions:

- 1) Privacy Issues – with the patient/resident being transported, how much information should be shared.
- 2) Standard Precautions – the EMT's should assume that every patient/resident is considered contaminated, therefore Standard Precautions should be followed at all times.
- 3) Immunizations – make sure the EMT's are properly vaccinated against potential occupational hazards.
- 4) EMT Education – provide more education beyond initial and annual programs, especially on topics listed on the laminated guide.

Introduction of New Members and Guests: Vera Pischke reported that there were no new members or guests at today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: February minutes approved.

Announcements: The following information was shared:

- 1) CEU's vs. Certification Exam (every 5 years) – it was decided that Gwen Borlaug would draft a letter to the Civic Board after the following feedback was received by members at today's meeting:
 - a) Certification Statistics – the percentage has decreased from 35% to 23%.
 - b) Exam – is good learning, but does not keep you current.
 - c) CEU's – keep you more current and you can do them on-line.
 - d) Cost Effective – it is very expensive to take the certification exam and it might not be as expensive to maintain CEU's.
 - e) Other Professions – a lot of other professions utilize CEU's to maintain certification (i.e. Med Techs, Microbiologist, OR, Social Workers, etc).

Note: this topic was also brought to the attention of the APIC President when she was in attendance at the APIC-SEW meeting in 2009.
- 2) April APIC-SEW Meeting – the meeting location will be at WFH – Franklin, hosted by Denise Block instead of Froedtert Hospital and the location change along with directions, will be reflected on the 2010 Meeting Schedule via the website.
- 3) Silent Auction – Jeanne Druckenmiller has donated a big wicker basket to be filled with a variety of items for the State Seminar Silent Auction. Members were encouraged to feel free to donate an item for the auction.
- 4) Scholarships for the State Seminar/Conference – members interested in applying for a scholarship will need to FAX the request to Donna Phillips at 414-247-4784 prior to 04/01/10. Nancy Riederer commented that the necessary documents are available via the APIC website. She went on to report that you go to the left hand corner under “Scholarship Documents” and click on the following choices:
 - a) Contract for Use of Chapter Funds for Conference or Seminar.
 - b) Request for Funding to Attend Conference, Seminar or Meeting.

Note: Cindy Meyer will send out a reminder to all APIC-SEW members.
- 5) Committee Membership – Debbie Briggs summarized the names from the flip charts for each committee that were posted for members to sign up for 2010. The list was passed around during the meeting for other members to consider joining a committee. Note: please refer to “Committee Reports” for a listing of members.
- 6) Open ICP Positions – the following information is also available via the website:
 - a) Aurora – Summit and St. Luke's remain open and candidates need to be a RN.
 - b) Columbia St. Mary's – there are now two (2) positions open and candidates can be a RN or Microbiologist:
 - 1) Infection Control Preventionist

2) Director of Infection Control and Occupational Health

Committee Reports:

1) Basic Course

a) Membership:

- i. Linda Coakley (chairperson)
- ii. Denise Block
- iii. Debbie Lemanski
- iv. Kerri Lintott
- v. Patti Wilson

b) Survey Results – Linda Coakley reported that a survey was conducted with participants from the 2009 Basic Course with the following results:

- i. Different needs and expectations.
- ii. Presentation frequency (participants were evenly divided):
 - i. Monthly lectures.
 - ii. On-line do it yourself.
 - iii. 2 day seminar.
 - iv. Quarterly half day seminars.
- iii. Material presented was helpful and had different levels of interest depending on specific work location and areas of responsibility. Also members commented at today's meeting that the current structure promotes APIC-SEW networking.

c) Future Program for 2011 – an idea to consider, is the formal program already developed by Gunderson Lutheran. Linda will further research this idea with input from Marilyn Michaels at Gunderson Lutheran.

2) Budget and Finance

a) Membership:

- i. Pat Person (chairperson)
- ii. Mary Luzinski
- iii. Donna Phillips

b) Treasurer's Report – Pat Pearson was not in attendance, so the following report was provided by Debbie Briggs:

- i. Balance Statement – the current balance is \$30,679.79 (\$3,171.59 checking plus \$27,508.20 savings).
- ii. Cash Disbursements – checks were written for a total of \$712.90 for:
 - i. Honorarium for Dr. Paul Drinka.
 - ii. Membership badges.
 - iii. Refreshments.
 - iv. Resource – Infection Control Manual for Ambulatory Care.
- iii. Income and Expense – there was one (1) deposit from paid dues at \$700.00.

3) Bylaws – no report.

a) Membership:

- i. Jennifer Trecoci (chairperson)
- ii. Kerri Lintott

4) Education

- a) Membership:
 - i. Lisa Scherrer (chairperson)
 - ii. Jackie Kowalski
 - iii. Anna Marciniak
 - iv. Mary Luzinski
- b) Today's Presentation – Gwen Borlaug presented the following:
 - i. Respiratory Etiquette in the Workplace – a short funny video from Canada Public Health.
 - ii. SHEA Guidelines for Management of Healthcare Workers Who Are Infected with Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus and/or Human Immunodeficiency Virus – a nice handout summarizing the guidelines to help ICP's/Occupational Health revise or develop a policy.
- c) Future 10 Minute Education Presentations – Lisa Scherrer announced the following topics:
 - i. April – New CBRF Standard Precautions Curriculum by Lisa Scherrer
 - ii. June – CJD by Jeanne Druckenmiller
 - iii. August – MDRO's in LTCF by Anna Marciniak
 - iv. September – New Employee Orientation Jeopardy Game by Mary Luzinski
 - v. October – Behavioral Health Topics by Lisa Scherrer
 - vi. November – Perinatal Hepatitis B (Public Health) by Jackie Kowalski

5) Governmental Affairs/Public Health

- a) Membership:
 - i. Gwen Borlaug (chairperson)
 - ii. Jackie Kowalski
- b) Public Health Update – Gwen Borlaug reported on the following:
 - i. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices – met on 02/24/01 to write the 2009-2010 influenza vaccine recommendations. The 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus will be included in the influenza vaccine for the upcoming season. Also for the first time, universal vaccination is recommended for all persons 6 months and older. She went on to report that people should still be offered the H1N1 vaccine until it is clarified not to.
 - ii. MMWR (01/29/10 issue) – contains an article about 2 clusters of bacterial meningitis after intrapartum spinal anesthesia. *Streptococcus salivarius* was isolated in 4 of 5 cases which were associated with staff and visitors not wearing surgical masks during procedures. HICPAC recommended use of surgical masks during spinal procedures in the 2007 isolation guidelines.
 - iii. State HAI Prevention Project – so far 39 hospitals have responded to the call to participate in the project, with the majority interested in enrolling into the NHSN.
 - iv. Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV) – may LTCF's are experiencing outbreaks and testing is available at the State Lab, but you need to contact your local health department before submitting specimens. Suspect hMPV patients/residents should be managed with contact precautions.
- c) Local Public Health Departments – Sandy Coffaro reminded members that there have been Norovirus outbreaks and it is reportable to the local Public Health Departments. She will send the guidelines to Cindy Meyer, Recording Secretary to send out to all members.

6) Long Term Care – refer to LTCF minutes.

7) Long-Range Planning/Marketing

- a) Membership:
 - i. Nancy Riederer (chairperson)
 - ii. Debbie Briggs

- iii. Gen Kloth
- iv. Gayle Land
- v. Patti Wilson
- b) Projects for the Year – Nancy Riederer reported on the following projects that the committee decided to work on for 2010:
 - i. APIC-SEW Brochure – was reviewed today and will be updated and revised.
 - ii. Display Board – will be updated.
 - iii. Ronald MacDonald House – the check presentation will be planned for the September APIC-SEW meeting.
 - iv. Nursing Matters – consider an article for the October issue regarding Infection Control as a career.
 - v. FOCUS DQA Seminar – APIC will be represented at the November 2010 LTCF conference with this year's focus on Infection Control.

8) Membership

- a) Membership:
 - i. Vera Pischke (chairperson)
 - ii. Sandy Coffaro
 - iii. Laura Grant
 - iv. Carrie Johnson
 - v. Brenda Kell
- b) Report – Vera Pischke reported on the following:
 - i. Current Membership – a total of 159 paid members.
 - ii. Membership Renewal – there is a one month grace period from the membership expiration date to renew. Members should contact Vera if they are not aware of their expiration date.

9) Nominating

- a) Membership:
 - i. Judith Savard (co-chairperson)
 - ii. Tricia Tull (co-chairperson)
- b) Report – no report.

10) Program

- a) Membership:
 - i. Debbie Briggs (chairperson)
 - ii. Jeanne Druckenmiller
 - iii. Brenda Ruehl
- b) Report – Debbie Briggs reported on the following:
 - i. April 2010 at WFH – Franklin - “ An Overview of the Mission and Purpose of Ronald McDonald House” by Mike Backus.
 - ii. Future Topics (under consideration for 2010 and 2011):
 - i. Antibiotic Stewardship by Dr. Dorff
 - ii. CJD Experience by Rita McCormick
 - iii. Gastrointestinal by Dr. Mark Kennedy
 - iv. MRSA by Dr. Christopher Crnich
 - v. Resistant Gram Negative Organisms by Dr. Nasia Safdar
 - vi. Vitamin D by Dr. John Whitcomb

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

- a) Membership:
 - i. Deb Schlehlein (chairperson)
 - ii. Debbie Briggs
 - iii. Amy Jablonski
- b) Report – no report.

12) State Seminar/Conference

- a) Membership:
 - i. Kathy Kaiser (co-chairperson)
 - ii. Pat Pearson (co-chairperson)
- b) Report – Kathy Kaiser and Pat Pearson were not in attendance, so the following was reported by Debbie Briggs:
 - i. Abstracts – members were reminded that the goal is to receive twenty (20) since this will be the 20th Anniversary. For more information, contact Pat Pearson at ppearson@stjosephswb.com or go to the website for guidelines.
 - ii. Brochure – the brochure is in the process of being printed and will be sent out very soon. Note: copies of the brochure were provided at today's meeting at the sign-up table.
 - iii. Nursing Matters Publication – has been contacted to add an announcement of the seminar to the “Education Matters” section of the publication.
 - iv. Scholarships – refer to Announcements section of the minutes.
 - v. Silent Auction – refer to Announcements section of the minutes.
 - vi. Wine and Cheese – is being sponsored by Ecolab.

13) Website

- a) Membership:
 - i. Gayle Land (chairperson)
- b) Report – Gayle Land reported on the following:
 - i. Website Update – has been updated with changes to policies, meeting schedule with directions, etc.
 - ii. Wisconsin APIC 2010 Seminar Brochure – is on the Wisconsin APIC main page. Jeanne Druckenmiller reported that Minnesota has added the brochure to their website and the information was also sent to Illinois.

Adjournment: 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary