



Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter [SEW]
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Next Meeting!
Thursday – June 3, 2010
Ozaukee Public Health – Port Washington
121 W. Main Street
Port Washington, WI

0930 Board Meeting
1100 Committees
1115-1215 LTCF Meeting
1230 Q Board
1300 Program – Laboratory Detection of Antibiotic Resistant Gram Negative Bacterial
by Michael Costello, PhD
1400 Business Meeting

Meeting: APIC-SEW Minutes
Location: St. Francis - Franklin
Date: April 1, 2010

Q Board: There were no questions.

Program: “An Overview of the Mission and Purpose of the Ronald McDonald House” by Mike Backus and “Sharing Personal Experience” by Pat Ehlein, former APIC-SEW member. Mike shared the following information about the Ronald McDonald House Charities:

- “A House Built with Love and Filled with Hope”.
- Open 365 days a year (24/7).
- Helps ease the burden of families and ill children . . . the real heroes.
- Home away from home.
- The very first Ronald McDonald House started in 1974 by Fred Hill a football player for the Philadelphia Eagles. He approached McDonalds about a donation to provide a place for families of sick children as he was going through a medical crisis with one of his children and stayed at the bedside all day and night. McDonald’s offered to donate a percentage on shakes that were sold. Now donations are made at every McDonald’s via the change canisters.
- There are currently 288 Ronald McDonald Houses.
- There are 3 Ronald McDonald Houses in Wisconsin.
 - Madison
 - Marshfield
 - Milwaukee
- In 2009, the Milwaukee House celebrated their 25th Anniversary.
- Have served over 30,000 and 98% were children from Children’s Hospital.
 - It runs on a “first come – first serve” basis.
 - 99.9% occupancy rate (if no vacancy, a discount rate is provided at nearby hotels).

- It costs approximately \$100.00 per night and a family has to be referred to the House.
- A donation of \$10.00 per night is preferred from the families, but not required.
- In 2003, the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House expanded and added a Long Term Care wing.

He then provided a Power Point presentation which involved a virtual tour of the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House:

- Living Room – provides a nice space for families to share and support each other.
- Chapel
- Sun Room
- Game Room
- Play Room/Play Land
- Art Therapy Room – have an Art Therapist on staff.
- Kitchen/Dining Room – each family is assigned to a cupboard.
- Laundry Room – for personal laundry (the house provides linens for bedding and bathing).
- Bedrooms – each has 2 beds.
- Bathrooms – display unique tiles made by the children.
- Room Tiles – display unique tiles to make it easier for the children to find their room (i.e. the butterfly room).
- Computer Lab – children able to continue with school work.
- Outside Secret Garden/Play Ground
- Volunteers – Mike is 1 of 500 volunteers and he spoke of many opportunities:
 - Associate Volunteer (16 – 18 years old)
 - Family Dinners/Box Lunches
 - Mailers
 - Maintenance
 - McQuilters
 - Van Drivers . . . Mike is a driver.
- Staff
- Fund Raisers:
 - Aluminum Can Pop Tabs – has made over \$150,000.00 since year 2000.
 - Dump Day will be 04/22/10 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.
 - Change Canisters
 - Gala
 - Tree of Life - donors
- Wish List – big needs over the holidays at that is tough times for families (i.e. toys at Christmas, baskets at Easter, etc.).

He also provided brochures on how to get involved with the Ronald McDonald House Charities (i.e. volunteer, Family Dinner Program, etc.). For more information go to www.rmhcmilwaukee.com or call 414-475-5333.

Introduction of New Members and Guests: Sandy Coffaro introduced Ginny Baas from Life Care as a guest at today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: March minutes approved after amended to reflect that the new Treasurer Elect position was approved by the membership.

Announcements: The following information was shared:

- 1) Nurse's Lamplight Walk and Celebration – Kathy Kaiser asked members if they would be interested in walking as an APIC-SEW team at the walk. The idea of a T-shirt is being looked into by the Board. The walk is 05/03/10 at the Wisconsin Lutheran College from 5pm to 10pm. Note: Kathy passed around a sign-up interest sheet.
- 2) Dinner Presentation – Kathy Kaiser announced that Medimmune, Inc. has invited APIC members to a dinner presentation the night before the State Seminar/Conference. The topic is “The Newest Influenza Vaccine Recommendations – The Latest Approaches to Prevention” by guest speaker Dr. James Conway, MD. She went on to report that the response has been very good, so members should RSVP as soon as possible if interested. Note: RSVP by 04/23/10 to Gretchen Quist at quistg@medimmune.com or 414-688-5975.
- 3) Membership Renewal – due to ongoing problems with the APIC membership renewal process, Kathy Kaiser requested members to bring in proof of payment (i.e. copy of check or credit card confirmation number) and show it to the Membership Committee. Also if you choose to call National, make a note on “who” you spoke to and “the date”. She went on to report that if the problem continues in 2011, a more professional approach will be considered by the Board to address the concern with National APIC.
- 4) Open ICP Positions – the following information is also available via the website:
 - Aurora – Summit and St. Luke's remain open.
 - Columbia St. Mary's – the two (2) positions remain open.
 - University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics – in Madison.
 - Children's Hospital and Health System – in Fox Valley and Northern Region.
 - Westfield's Hospital – in New Richmond.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Basic Course – Pat Pearson reported that Marilyn Michaels from Gunderson Lutheran will be making revisions to the “Associate/Novice Infection Control Practitioner Program” (a self study course). Note: Cindy Meyer brought a copy to today's meeting to remind members what it looks like as many members already have a copy.
- 2) Budget and Finance – Pat Pearson provided the Treasurer's Report with the current balance at \$30,554.79 (\$3,046.59 checking plus \$27,508.20 savings).
- 3) Bylaws – no report.
- 4) Education – there was a suggestion to cover the recent Legionella Outbreak at a future meeting.
 - a) Today's Presentation – Lisa Scherrer was not able to attend today's meeting due to a sick child at home, therefore the presentation on the New CBRF Standard Precautions Curriculum will need to be rescheduled. Pat Pearson and Jeannie Druckenmiller volunteered to do a presentation regarding the State Seminar/Conference:
 - Abstracts – still need to reach the goal of 20, contact Pat Pearson if interested.
 - Basket – Pat was excited to report that APIC-SEW will have a Brewers Tailgate Basket which will include four (4) Brewer tickets with parking passes, wine, and beer and dinner accessories in the Brewer color theme.
 - Fundraiser – members were encouraged to visit their facility gift shops and see if they can get items donated for the auction. Contact Jayne Schweiger at jayne.schweiger@phci.org or 262-569-0212.

- Reunion – due to the 20th Anniversary, so far there are going to be 9 members from the original planning committee, retired ICP's and some are even coming from all over the country. It will be a lot of fun to see everyone again!
- Tote Bag with the 20th Year Anniversary – Pat Pearson showed member's this year's tote bag and Jeannie commented that they will be showing all the bags, brochures and other mementos from past years.
- Volunteers – contact Kathy Kaiser if interested in volunteering at the conference.

5) Governmental Affairs/Public Health

a) Public Health Update – Gwen Borlaug reported on the following:

- H1N1 Vaccine – continue to provide the H1N1 vaccine until next Seasonal Influenza vaccine is available. Nancy Andritsch commented on an OSHA Healthcare Adviser article regarding a study shows H1N1 virus is a significant burden on years of life lost. She will send the article link to Cindy to send out to all members.
- State HAI Prevention Project
- Legionella Outbreak
- ACIP Recommendations for 2010-11 Influenza Vaccination
- CQPI Human Factors Engineering and Patient Safety Course
- Guidelines for Management of Healthcare Workers Who Are Infected with Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus and Human Immunodeficiency Virus

Note: for details, please refer to most recent Infection Control Update for 1st Quarter 2010 sent out to members by Gwen Borlaug.

b) Local Public Health Departments – the following was announced:

- Rosie Kapp reported on a recent memo regarding Legionella in decorative fountains. She will send the memo to Cindy Meyer, Recording Secretary to send out to all members.
- Anna Sherry reported on an article about a drop in TB rates in the United States . . . down 12% during 2008 – 2009. She will send the article link to Cindy to send out to all members.

6) Long Term Care – refer to LTCF minutes.

7) Long-Range Planning/Marketing

a) Update on Projects for the Year – Cindy Meyer reported on the following via e-mail update from Nancy Riederer who could not be present at today's meeting due to vacation:

- APIC-SEW Brochure – preparations for revisions are in process.
- Display Board – continue to work on potential revisions to the content on the board.
- Ronald MacDonald House – today's program on Mission was very good; the check presentation will be planned for the September APIC-SEW meeting.
- Nursing Matters – consider an article for the October issue regarding Infection Control as a career.
- FOCUS DQA Seminar – continue to work on APIC being represented at the November 2010 LTCF conference.
- T-shirts with APIC-SEW Logo – an idea that came up at today's Board meeting.

8) Membership – Sandy Cofforo reported that the current membership is at 165 paid members (Vera Pischke was not able to attend today's meeting).

9) Nominating – no report.

10) Program – Debbie Briggs reported that all the programs for 2010 are complete and are on the website. Any member that would like to host a meeting in 2011 should contact either Debbie Briggs or Kathy Kaiser. The remainder schedule for 2010 includes the following topics:

- June at Ozaukee Public Health – Port Washington - “Laboratory Detection of Antibiotic Resistant Gram Negative Bacterial” by Michael Costello, PhD.
- August at St. Joseph’s – West Bend – Reports from National Conference.
- September WFH – Wauwatosa – Prevention of Gram Negative Infections by Dr. Nasia Safdar, MD, MS, PhD.
- October at Roger’s Memorial – Oconomowoc – Antibiotic Stewardship for Infection Control by Dr. Gerald Joseph Dorff, MD, FACP.
- November at Luther Manor – Wauwatosa – Taking Risk Reduction Beyond the SCIP Initiative by Dr. Charles Edmiston, Jr., PhD, CIC.
- Future Topics (under consideration for 2011):
 - CJD Experience by Rita McCormick
 - MRSA by Dr. Christopher Crnich

11) Resources – no report.

12) State Seminar/Conference – refer to Education section.

13) Website – Gayle Land was complimented for keeping the website very up to date.

Adjournment: 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Meyer, RN, BSN
Recording Secretary