

Southern New Jersey APIC
Chapter Meeting
January 17, 2008

The meeting was held at Virtua Voorhees and was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
Business Meeting Welcome – President Bridget Farrell	Opening remarks Introduction of Board members Introduction of 4 new members and 1 guest Minutes and reports distributed; Officer reports will be included in minutes.	
Chapter Website	Currently being updated by Jeff Wilson Email communication to SJ membership increasingly difficult Membership list is available at the National APIC website. Members are encouraged to visit National APIC website frequently.	All minutes & notices will be posted on website by 3/1.
Chapter Goals for 2008	1) Update SJ website – www.apic-snj.org 2) Introduce members to NHSN 3) Develop a Hand Hygiene program (monitoring & compliance tools) 4) Establish Resource Group to provide guidance on current legislation (e.g. MRA, HAI)	1) Ongoing – Target 3/1/08 2) NHSN Programs offered at SJ APIC meeting 1/08 – 3/08 3) Marlene Kaplan has volunteered to participate on this task force. Additional volunteers needed. 4) Peg Janasie, Karen Young-Engelman and Jacquie Breuer (CentraState) will chair work group. Volunteers welcome.
June Meeting	The June meeting conflicts with the National Conference. Vote to determine preference for a July meeting held and was not conclusive.	June meeting cancelled. Meeting scheduled for July 17 at Voorhees.
2007 Forsgate Joint Conference	Telephone conference scheduled for the end of January with NNJ APIC. Final financial figures will be announced.	Report at 2/08 SJAPIC meeting.
Needs Assessment – Caren Anuszewski, Program Chair	Low response rate from membership (only 28 surveys were returned). The Board will plan educational programs accordingly.	Caren will provide information on upcoming educational opportunities and program.
Networking Questions submitted and discussed by membership	Topics of discussion: 1) JCAHO released proposed patient safety goals for 2009 2) LTC precautions for MRSA colonization.	

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	3) Contact isolation in ICU's pending MRSA screening results. 4) Requirement for chest x-rays for employees with positive TST 5) Requirements for thickness of plastic sheeting required at construction sites. 6) Checklist use for construction projects before start-up. 7) Pre-op antibiotics for Orthopedic surgery patients.	
Vendor Demonstration Nephros	Control of hospital infections by point of use water filtration device.	
Education – Moderators Peg Janasie (Meridian) & Carol Ward (Virtua) National Healthcare Safety Network	Introduction to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Web based Learning Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSN Overview • Protocols and Definitions Devise Associated Module • Ventilator –associated Pneumonia 	The program is available on-line at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/nhsn/members/members.htm
Teleconference - Mary Andrus, BA, RN, CIC, Centers For Disease Control	Question and Answer Session with Mary Andrus, CDC.	
Treasurer's Report	As of 1/16/08 Total Deposits \$411.40; Total Withdrawals \$1,558.79, and Checking Account Ending Balance \$4,529.65	
Summary of Legislative Report – Betsy Marinella SJ APIC Past President/Legislative Representative	<p>My report will include information on any bills affecting Infection Control and Prevention that are presently in the US Congress and NJ Senate/Assembly.</p> <p>Additional information can be obtained by entering www.apic.org and clicking on Federal and State Legislation and then hitting Go where US Congress is located. Under each bill there is a link that will take you directly to the bill. Also, change US Congress to New Jersey and hit Go and this will, also, take you to the bills and again, link is available to obtain the bill.</p> <p>In regard to Assembly Bill A1860 introduced and proposed by Assembly Member Herb Conaway (D-7 Burlington and Camden), the bill would require general hospitals, comprehensive rehabilitation hospitals, and nursing homes to implement infection control practices that incorporate SHEA guidelines, in order to reduce the number of health care facility-</p>	

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	<p>acquired infections, especially infections due to antimicrobial-resistant organisms such as MRSA and VRE. At present the bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and Senior Services, which Assembly Member Conaway chairs.</p> <p>A letter was sent by Pat Lafaro (Northern NJ APIC Chapter Legislative Representative) to Simone Lawrence at NJHA requesting their assistance to defeat this bill. Concerns included the additional burden for data gathering responsibility that will be placed on Infection Control Professionals. From my standpoint as SJ APIC Legislative Representative and a Long Term Care (LTC) Infection Control Professional, I further expressed that compliance with the bill would not be possible in the LTC setting unless additional staffing, technology, and additional monies were made available.</p> <p>Jessica Cohen, Director, Legislation of NJHA is in receipt of the letter from Northern APIC. NJHA has already reached out to the sponsors and to the Department of Health in regard to the bill.</p> <p>At the meeting on Friday, 2/1/08, copies of the bill were given to Dr. Corey Robertson and Dr. Barbara Montana who will be discussing it with Dr. Eddy Bresnitz.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary