

Southern New Jersey APIC  
Chapter Meeting  
October 16, 2008

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

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<p><b>Business Meeting</b> President Bridget Farrell</p>	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting will be posted on the chapter's website.</p> <p>The new e-mail system that has been put into use at Cape Regional Medical Center has caused some problems with the e-mail that has been sent. Members may need to talk to their IT person to release the website so they can access the e-mail. Members are reminded that personal contact information should be updated at the National APIC website.</p> <p>3 vendors are present today, 3M, PDI, Chloraprep. Their support is appreciated.</p> <p>A presentation was made to Bernadette Brennan who has been named an APIC's 2009 Hero of Infection Prevention "for her tireless work to implement infection prevention programs to protect her young patients."</p> <p>Congratulations to Theresa Harrell on receiving her PhD in Health Care Administration.</p>	
<p>President Elect Nancy Szilagyi</p>	<p>The agenda for the November Joint Conference at Forsgate is posted on the website. Any interested member who has not yet registered should do so as soon as possible.</p> <p>December's meeting will be held at the Mansion. A \$24 fee will be charged.</p>	
<p>Membership Theresa Harrell</p>	<p>Current members 188 121 are active members.</p> <p>5 new members and 1 guest attended today's meeting</p>	
<p>Legislative Betsy Marinella</p>	<p>1. A bill that requires LTC and Ambulatory care facilities to screen for MRSA, establish an infection control program</p>	

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	<p>and report facility acquired infection rates was introduced in the state Legislature on 5/12/08. No recent action on this bill.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A Proclamation Has been received from the Governor recognizing the October 19-25 as International Infection Prevention Week</li> <li>3. In regard to testing residents in a long term care facility for Tuberculosis at present it is not necessary to test them on a routine, annual basis. If a facility has reason to believe the resident was exposed to tuberculosis due to a healthcare associated or community exposure, tuberculin skin testing may be recommended after consultation with either the local health department, county chest clinic, specialty chest clinic or NJDHSS Tuberculosis Program according to Geraldine Caparotta, RN Supervising Public Health Representative New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Tuberculosis Program  <a href="mailto:Geraldine.Caparotta@doh.state.nj.us">Geraldine.Caparotta@doh.state.nj.us</a> Telephone 609-588-7522 Fax 609-588-7562</li> </ol>							
<p>Treasurer Renee Fusco</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Deposits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 751.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Withdrawals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1878.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7543.10</td> </tr> </table> <p>Currently 28 vendors have confirmed participation at the Forsgate Conference and 73 attendees have registered. Any other interested vendors should contact Betsy Marinella.</p>	Deposits	\$ 751.25	Withdrawals	\$ 1878.10	Balance	\$7543.10	
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<p>By-laws Peg Janasie</p>	<p>Changes to the by-laws read at the previous meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changes to the length of terms for board positions discussed. President and President-elect are now 1 year. Recommendation to increase the terms to 2 years.</li> <li>2. The impact of legislative issues has increased dramatically. Currently the Past President is the Legislative representative. Recommendation to create a Legislative Committee with 3 members including the Past President. The other 2 people would be appointed</li> </ol>	<p>By-laws to be rewritten to include the changes.</p>						

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	<p>by the Executive Committee.            3. Scholarships are being given for the National Conference. Recommendation to change it to Education Assignments with the President receiving 100% support to attend and up to 3 officers receiving partial support.            Membership voted in favor of the changes.</p>	
<p>Nominating Committee            Lynne Borden</p>	<p>Gemma Downs, Atlanticare is the recipient of the NICE scholarship.            Ballot of Candidates for office 2009-2010 distributed for voting.            Voting completed as follows:</p> <p><b><u>Corresponding Secretary</u></b>            Virginia Wilkinson            (Kennedy Home Health Voorhees)</p> <p><b><u>Nominating Committee</u></b> (3 Members for 2 year term)            Lori Boschetto (Cooper Health System)            Linda MacDonald (SJ Healthcare Elmer)            Marlene Kaplan            (Kennedy Health System Cherry Hill)</p> <p><b><u>By Laws Chair</u></b>            Jacquie Breuer (CentraState Med Ctr)</p> <p><b><u>Member at Large</u></b>            Nona Loehr (Buttonwood Hospital)</p>	
<p><b>Education</b>            Antimicrobials – The Right Active Agent for the Right Application            Gregory F. Skorczewski, OPA-C            Technical Service Specialist            3M Corporation</p>	<p>Please see hand out</p>	
<p>F Tags in Long Term Care            Cynthia Dunn, RN SHCFE</p>	<p>Please see hand out</p>	

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Arlene McNinch, RN SHCE Health Facilities Evaluation & Licensing NJ Department of Health & Senior Services		
Proposal for New Infection Control Staffing How to Talk to Administration Peg Janasie Jersey Shore Medical Center	Power point presentation given.	
<b>Networking</b> Questions submitted and discussed by membership	Topics 1. Clean up of environmental blood spills 2. Requirement for small employers (<10 employees) to conduct an annual TB risk assessment. 3. Compliance monitoring of Central Line bundling in interventional radiology & ICU 4. Use of mortuary form for infectious diseases 5. Annual TST for LTC residents	

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Foster, RN  
Recording Secretary