

Southern New Jersey APIC
Chapter Meeting
February 21, 2008

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

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
Business Meeting President Bridget Farrell	Opening remarks. A Board meeting was scheduled for 2/15 but due to technical problems did not occur.	The meeting will be rescheduled.
Chapter Goals for 2008	<p>1. Update website The new website is up and running ahead of schedule. Information will no longer be sent vial regular mail. A reminder will be e-mailed to members for the next 2 months prior to the meetings.</p> <p>Scholarship and NICE Basic Course information is posted on the website. Requests for scholarship applicants reviewed and applicants encouraged to apply.</p> <p>2. Introduce members to NHSN</p> <p>3. Develop a Hand Hygiene program (monitoring & compliance tools) CDC rather than WHO guidelines will most likely be used</p> <p>4. Establish Resource Group to provide guidance on current legislation (eg. MRSA, HAI)</p>	<p>1. Members should check the site periodically.</p> <p>2. NHSN programs offered at SJ APIC meetings 1/08 – 3/08</p> <p>3. Marlene Kaplan has volunteered to participate on the Hand Hygiene task force. Caren Anuszewski has agreed to join the task force.</p> <p>4. Peg Janasie, Karen Young-Engelman and Jacquie Breurer will participate in the MRSA work group. Jacquie has agreed to chair this committee.</p>
Corresponding Secretary Barbara Aebischer	A Thank-you note was received from Betsy Marinella, Past President for the group's support.	
Membership Theresa Harrell	The National list has 195 members listed for our chapter. Approximately 26 members are due for renewal. ALL Information is available on the national APIC website. Three new members and one guest were introduced at the meeting.	Members are encouraged to check their renewal date, and can access this information at the National APIC website.
Program/Education Caren Anuszewski	Tony Monocco is scheduled to speak at the April program. A site for the September meeting is needed.	

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		Rachel Bohs confirmed availability of AtlantiCare Medical Center (Atlantic City) for our September meeting.
Treasurer Renee Fusco	February Treasurer's Report Total Deposits: \$411.40, Withdrawals \$1,558.79; Ending Balance \$4,529.65	Monthly Update.
Legislative Betsy Marinella	<p>Summary of Legislative Report February 2008:</p> <p>In the minutes are 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 <u>general hospitals, comprehensive rehabilitation hospitals, and nursing homes</u> to implement infection control practices that incorporate SHEA guidelines, in order to reduce the number of health care facility-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 who is the Chapter Legislative Representative from Northern APIC to Simone Lawrence at NJHA requesting their assistance to defeat this bill at this point related to the fact that ICP's are becoming data collectors and are unable to get out from their desks to improve care.</p> <p>My letter to Pat indicated that if nursing homes were to be included in the bill at this time, nursing homes would not be able</p>	Monthly Update will be provided by Betsy Marinella.

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	<p>to incorporate the SHEA guidelines unless nursing homes are provided with additional monies available to cover the cost of screening, ways to isolate residents, addition of computers, additional ICP's to handle the data especially since most ICP's in LTC not only have the title of ICP but additional roles, etc. These points should be considered when thinking of defeating this bill.</p> <p>The letter to Simone was then referred to Jessica Cohen, Director, Legislation of NJHA, who emailed Pat to let her know that NJHA will be working on this matter. 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> <p>2. Senate Bill sponsored by Senators Barbara Buono and Loretta Weinberg introduced.</p>	
<p>Education National Healthcare Safety Network</p>	<p>Web based Learning Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urinary Tract Infections • SSI • Post procedure pneumonia 	<p>The program is available on-line at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/nhsn/members/members.htm</p>
<p>Update on HAI Public Reporting Francis Prestianni, PhD Program Manager Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC) NJ Department of Health & Senior Services and Nancy Lin, ScD, Research Scientist</p>	<p>Tentative outline discussed at meeting for Implementation of Public Reporting of HAI's (Healthcare Associated Infections):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan for development/adoption of Regulations include publishing in the April NJ Register with 60 day comment period, with final publication in December NJ Register with requirement to begin reporting on 1/1/2009. 2. During 2008, acute care hospitals encouraged to join NHSN as soon as possible. 3. Tentative 9/8/08 all day seminar in Trenton area for 	<p>Dr. Prestianni and Ms. Lin will continue to update APIC membership regarding status of regulations.</p> <p>SJ APIC (Bridget Farrell, Peg Janasie, Nancy Szilagyi, Carol Ward) is represented on the state planning task force and will provide updates as available.</p> <p>Website for online version of Hospital Performance Report: http://web.doho.state.nj.us/hpr/</p>

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	<p>acute care hospitals only currently enrolled in NHSN. CDC speaker, Mary Andrus, will review definitions and case studies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Overall, hospitals expected to begin reporting 1/09 with one set of measures and expand to additional measures in subsequent years. 5. 2009 Anticipated Measures: CR-BSI for all ICU's; CABG and abdominal hysterectomies. For 2010, post op infections hip, knee, and specific colon surgery. <p>Discussion about hospital report cards for performance improvement data. Ms. Lin stated that the current Hospital Performance Report is available on line.</p>	-
<p>Vendor Presentation Biomerieux Dale Leeper, MA, MT</p>	<p>Diversilab Microbial typing system</p>	
<p>Networking Questions submitted and discussed by membership</p>	<p>Policy for discontinuing isolation of patients with MRSA Tracking of compliance with culturing in intensive care. Handouts for patients and families regarding MRSA colonization. Isolating MRSA positive LTC patients on readmission to the hospital. Hospital infection rates have been publicly reported by HRET based on ICD-9 codes. Request for sharing of a MRSA policy.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary