

Southern New Jersey APIC
Chapter Meeting
March 19, 2009

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

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| Business Meeting Bridget Farrell President | APIC webinar programs are available free of charge and provide nursing contact hours. National Patient Safety Goals - All hospital employees need education on HAI. National APIC will be developing programs. Updated Reporting Guideline Summary developed by NNJ APIC chapter was distributed to members via e-mail. | Members are encouraged to visit the website frequently. |
| Membership Theresa Harrell | Current members 175 Today's meeting: New members: 3 Guests: 2 | |
| Treasurer Renee Fusco | Defer | |
| Legislative Peg Janasie | VRE legislation – no update NJ DOH is developing a form to be completed by ED's for rabies treatment. Education of patients will be included. Funding has increased for Health & Human services. Some of this will be for HIV programs. Stimulus money included funds for preventing HAI. Peg Janasie will represent SNJ APIC at Mercer Co. College and NJ DOH's Health Initiatives. Universal transfer form is being trialed at several facilities. No final date for implementation yet. | |
| Education Caren Anuszewski | Upcoming education programs April – Decreasing BSI July – Review of National Conference Fall – Theradoc to sponsor a speaker | Members are encouraged to participate in the Journal Review. One member is asked to volunteer each month to do a 5 minute presentation on a topic of their choice. Please contact Caren. |
| Forsgate Conference Betsy Marinella | Possible speakers for the conference include: Dr. Gunn – Wrestling with Resistance | If any member is aware of anyone who provides education grants please contact Betsy. |

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| | Dr. Owen – Maine Medical Center Dr. Robinson – State issues 7 members have volunteered to work with Betsy on the Vendor committee. | Betsy will contact volunteers next week with instructions. |
| Education Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Teen Pregnancy Theresa Harrell-Watkins, Ph.D, RN Trenton Psychiatric Hospital SNJ APIC Member | Please see hand-out. | |
| Our Clinicians are in the Community and so is MRSA Merle Tochtermann, RN, BA SNJ APIC Member | Please see hand outs. | |
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| Networking Questions submitted and discussed by membership | Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ID summit in Holmdel 2. Annual TST for employees 3. OSHA requirements for new employee training and annual review of blood borne pathogens and TB. 4. Oncology unit c-diff rates. 5. Need for ID doctor as Infection Prevention chair. 6. MDRO module – re-culturing patients, discontinuing isolation, monthly measure. 7. Pandemic influenza policy/plan. 8. Behavioral health or LTC policy regarding isolation | |

Respectfully submitted,

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 Recording Secretary