

Southern New Jersey APIC
Chapter Meeting
July 17, 2008

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

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<p>Business Meeting President Bridget Farrell</p>	<p>May minutes approved and posted to the chapter website. Reminder that members should check the SNJ APIC and the National APIC websites frequently. Upcoming conferences of interest will be posted to the site.</p> <p>Recognition of members' professional achievements suggested with title "Applause." Recent accomplishments include: Carol Ward –lecture on Community Acquired MRSA at the Advance for Nurses meeting in September in Atlantic City Rachel Bohs –will present a paper on antibiotic use after bariatric surgery in September</p> <p>National APIC reminds members to clarify who they represent when attending meetings/making presentations. National APIC has developed a new logo to "brand" our organization. Sample shirt with logo shown to members. Infection Control Professionals are now known as <i>Infection Preventionists</i>.</p> <p>A chapter Board meeting will be held on July 31 at Virtua Health Voorhees at 9:00am</p>	<p>www.apic-snj.org www.apic.org</p> <p>"Applause" will be agenda item for each meeting to recognize professional accomplishments. Email Bridget Farrell with any information.</p> <p>SJ APIC Board approval is required for members representing organization.</p> <p>The meeting is open to interested members.</p>
<p>Membership Theresa Harrell</p>	<p>Current members 197 New members 3 Total membership 200 Guests year to date 5 3 new members and 3 guests attended today.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to check their renewal date, and update National APIC.</p>
<p>Legislative Betsy Marinella</p>	<p>New Jersey State Assembly 2658 was introduced on 5/12/08. The bill mimics the MRSA requirements for MRSA screening</p>	<p>Update report at September 2008 meeting.</p>

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	<p>for LTC and Ambulatory care facilities to screen for MRSA, establish an infection control program and report facility acquired infection rates.</p> <p>Peg Janasie – Recommends that state requirement for declination of Flu/Pneu be discontinued as rate of compliance is up dramatically since requirement was instituted.</p>	<p>Peg Janasie will draft a letter requesting the requirement be discontinued.</p>												
<p>Treasurer Renee Fusco</p>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Deposits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 901.08</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Withdrawals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 154.85</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 49.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8902.56</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8853.89</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A separate account has been opened for the Joint Conference funds.</p>		<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	Deposits	\$ 901.08	\$ 1.28	Withdrawals	\$ 154.85	\$ 49.95	Balance	\$8902.56	\$8853.89	
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<p>Education APIC National Conference Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peg Janasie – Infection Prevention Systems of the Future – Update 2008 • Louise Morgan - Emergency Preparedness • Cathi Wilson (APIC Scholarship Recipient) – Construction Drawings & Terminology for the Infection Prevention Professional • Carol Ward – Updates 	<p>Handouts provided at meeting.</p>												
<p>Networking Questions submitted and discussed by membership</p>	<p>Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolation of residents with MRSA colonization in LTC 2. May 2008 CDC recommendation for offering Tdap to post-partum women before discharge 3. CDC hand washing video is available for visitors and patients 4. Isolation Signage Discussion about standardization of signs. 	<p>Members are referred to an article by J Marks in AJIC LTC supplement</p> <p>Request membership to indicate compliance plan and email bfarrell@caperegional.com with information, comments, and suggestions.</p> <p>See CDC web site</p> <p>Refer to www.unc.edu/depts/spice/ for sample signs. Bridget will forward comments to National APIC</p>												

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	<p>Some facilities using signage from North Carolina, which is free, easy to read and copy.</p> <p>5. Hand washing and Isolation compliance Secret Shopper, reminder cards, hotline, compliance rates postings in departments.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary