

Southern New Jersey APIC
Chapter Meeting
September 18, 2008

The meeting was held at Atlanticare Life Center and was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<p>Business Meeting President Bridget Farrell</p>	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the chapter's website. Minutes approved. A board meeting was held in July.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 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. <p>Information for the Basic Infection Control course is posted on the chapter's website. A scholarship is available. Interested candidates should contact Lynn Borden.</p> <p>A TB webinar will be held on 9/23.</p> <p>Congratulations 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>	

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	<p>A recommendation for ICP ratio for acute care has been sent to Tony Monaco. <u>OPTION 1</u>: 1.0 ICP/100 AOB followed with .75 for each additional 100 AOB with 1 data person / 300 AOB</p> <p><u>OPTION 2</u>: <u>Adjusted Occupied Beds (AOB) ICP requirement</u></p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0 - 250 beds /100 AOB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">250 - 450 beds 100 AOB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.25/</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">>450 beds 100 AOB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.75 /</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Data entry person for all facilities</u>: 1 person / 300 AOB. (At a minimum, description of the role: performs data entry functions, maintenance of data files (databases & spreadsheets), and report generation for key stakeholders) Directors/ Program Managers/ Coordinators of Systems should not be included in the total mix.</p>	0 - 250 beds /100 AOB	0.75	250 - 450 beds 100 AOB	1.25/	>450 beds 100 AOB	1.75 /	
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<p>Membership Theresa Harrell</p>	<p>Current members 197 <u>New members 3</u> Total membership 200 Guests year to date 5</p> <p>2 new members and 1 guest attended today.</p>							
<p>Legislative Betsy Marinella</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A bill that requires LTC and Ambulatory care facilities to screen for MRSA, establish an infection control program and report facility acquired infection rates was introduced in the state Legislature on 5/12/08. No recent action on this bill. 2. HIV testing – There is no specific requirement for consent. Need to have “opt-out”. Ryan White act has some impact regarding consent and reporting of results. 	<p>Carol Ward, Cathy Vacca, Betsy Marinella will review information and present at October meeting.</p>						

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	<p>3. Changes to the Reportable Diseases have been published in the New Jersey Register.</p> <p>4. A Proclamation Has been received from the Governor recognizing the October 19-25 as International Infection Prevention Week</p> <p>5. Carol Ward reported that NJDOH NJ Cause has named the week of October 6 as “Judicious Use of Antibiotics” Week. A letter is being sent to ICP and they are requested to have their Administrator distribute it to physicians.</p> <p>6. 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 Geraldine Caparotta, RN Supervising Public Health Representative New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Tuberculosis Program Geraldine.Caparotta@doh.state.nj.us Telephone 609-588-7522 Fax 609-588-7562</p>	
<p>Treasurer Renee Fusco</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Aug</u></p> <p>Deposits \$ 726.16 <u>Withdrawals</u> \$ 1342.72 Balance \$8670.15</p> <p>Currently on 14 vendors have confirmed participation at the Forsgate Conference.</p>	
<p>By-laws Peg Janasie</p>	<p>Changes to the by-laws read.</p>	<p>Voting to be conducted during October meeting.</p>
<p>Nominating Committee Lynne Borden</p>	<p>Candidates for positions reviewed. Some positions are still open on the ballot.</p>	<p>Interested individuals should contact Lynn Borden.</p>
<p>Education New Jersey Immunization</p>	<p>Please see hand out</p>	

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Requirements and Beyond Jenish B Sudhakaran, MPH Population Assessment Coordinator NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Immunization Program		
Networking Questions submitted and discussed by membership	Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fit testing visitors for N-95 respirators. 2. Td administration to LTC residents 3. MDRO screening of patients to discontinue isolation 4. Requirement for hand washing after x number of uses of hand gel 	

Respectfully submitted,
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 Recording Secretary