

## APIC-DFW 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

<b>Facilitator</b>	Calvin White, APIC-DFW Chapter President	<b>Date</b>	04/01/2021	<b>Time</b>	1300-1455
<b>Location</b>	Zoom				

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
1. Welcome and House Keeping	Please scan the QR code or click the link in the chat to fill out the attendance form. A second QR code/link will appear at the end of the presentation in order to verify that you attended the entire time.	
2. Education	Lori Moore, MPH, BSN, RN, CPPS presented “RESISTANCE ISN’T THE ENEMY. IT’S A VALUABLE RESOURCE!”	
3. 2026 APIC National Conference	Application packet from APIC national to host conference not yet received.  May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021 is APIC-DFW’s 45 <sup>th</sup> anniversary; if you have contact with former or historical members the board would like to recognize them. Please contact Calvin White with this information.	
4. APIC National Conference	National conference will no longer be held in Austin and will be fully virtual. Organizations are encouraged to take advantage of group registration rates and “block-off” time for your department to participate without distractions.	
5. Vendor Presentation	Cathy Henry introduced the 3M Surgical Solutions Team and summarized the surgical solutions portfolio.  Cody Hill from Cantel presented information about the Medivator automated HLD solutions. Contact him at <a href="mailto:chill@medivators.com">chill@medivators.com</a>	
6. Chapter SIG Committee Chairs	Professional Advancement Committee, Erica Casanova: If you have certified or recertified let the PAC know. Include whether you recertified by IPUs or by taking the exam.  Conference Committee: additional members are always	Education SIG/Calvin will include an update on CBIC guidelines for letter certifying elected participation in APIC DFW for recertification purposes when information becomes available.

welcome. The next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>. The content of the APIC DFW conference will not emphasize COVID.

Education: CBIC guidelines for contents of a letter certifying chapter participation for recertification will be presented soon.

7. Treasurers Report

Opening Balance, checking	\$21,033.11
Income	\$142.35
Expenses	\$175.00
Closing Balance, checking	\$21,000.46
Savings	\$33,486.69
Total	\$54,487.15

8. Public Health Update

Public health is still monitoring travelers coming from Ebola affected areas in Africa. Currently there are 50 travelers in the region being monitored- none are identified as High Risk. The countdown for outbreak closure has started in both DRC and Guinea. DRC reported 6 deaths and 12 cases, all of which have been epi linked. If no new cases are identified, the outbreak should be over on 5/4. Guinea has reported 9 death and 18 cases that all seem to be molecularly linked to the 2014/2016 outbreaks leading WHO and CDC to speculate there may have been a relapse or sexual transmission from a survivor. The outbreak should be over 5/6 if no new cases are identified.

On 3/16/2021, DSHS issued a [statewide \*C. auris\* health advisory](#) to alert public health epidemiologists, infection preventionists, healthcare facilities, health authorities, healthcare providers, and laboratorians of the identification of pan-resistant *C. auris* in Texas. So far this year, sixteen *C. auris* cases have been reported to

DSHS Region 2/3 and the 13 local health departments located in this area. The sixteen cases include 6 clinical infections and 10 colonized cases. Four cases have expired. There are two healthcare facilities in the area who have cared for more than one *C. auris* case. There are epidemiology links identified among some of the cases. The latest positive collection date is 3/23/2021.

CDC verified that specimens from two of the cases show pan-resistance (resistance to all three antifungal classes) and two additional cases were identified as Echinocandin-resistant. This is concerning as it makes it very difficult to treat these patients. This is why it is important for IPs to ensure infection prevention audits are being conducted for hand hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, and PPE usage. It is also recommended for facilities to have disinfectants on hand that are identified as effective against *C. auris* (<https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/c-auris-infection-control.html>). DSHS will continue to assist local health departments and healthcare facilities as needed with conducting virtual and onsite infection control assessments, mitigating infection control gaps, the implementation of colonization studies, and providing lab testing guidance.

Please continue to monitor for *C. auris* results and promptly report cases to your local health department. Ensure the isolate is submitted to DSHS Lab. We also encourage IPs to ask your laboratory about the yeast identification method to ensure that their method correctly identifies *C. auris*. This guidance will be included in the meeting notes (<https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/identification.html>).

9. Upcoming Dates	Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Virtual Meeting Friday April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 12:00 PM  COVID-19 IMPACT TO HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS: PIVOT BACK TO PREVENTION Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM  APIC DFW Professional Advancement Committee Virtual Meeting Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021  APIC DFW May Virtual Meeting Thursday May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 1:00 PM	
10. Open Discussion	Patti Grant: TSCIP annual conference on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 1300, Zoom**