

APIC-DFW 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

Facilitator	Calvin White, APIC-DFW Chapter President	Date	05/06/2021	Time	1300-1540
Location	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	Thi Dang, MPH, CHES, CIC, FAPIC presented “The Role of Public Health In Reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections”	
3. Approval of Minutes		
4. Old Business	No update on hosting APIC annual conference in Dallas since the April meeting. Today is the 45 th anniversary of APIC-DFW.	
5. New Business	<p>APIC-DFW will send out a survey about digital surveillance systems (EPIC, Theradoc, etc.) with the goal of creating a discussion group. CMS may make electronic case reporting (ECR) mandatory in the future. Organizations are encouraged to look for financial resources made available by the COVID-19 outbreak to offset the cost of implementing ECR.</p> <p>Calvin participated in a Q&A session with APIC CEO Devin Jopp: topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An upcoming shortage of IPs. • Emphasis on recruiting early and non-RNs. • APIC considering institutional membership path option 	Calvin will create or delegate the creation of the electronic surveillance survey.
6. Vendor Presentation	Ben Grounds from Boehringer presented the CareDry	

	<p>System non-invasive urinary management for females.</p> <p>Derek Denton presented Cupron Medical Textiles proprietary copper threaded material. Contact him at DDenton@cupron.com</p>	
7. Sunshine Committee	<p>Gabi Perez and Christina Lipnicky led a Mother’s Day themed Kahoot game.</p>	
8. Chapter Officer/Board of Directors Report	<p>Thi Dang: (Board Member #2): Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) cochair positions are opening in 2022. Reach out to Thi or current PAC chairs for more information.</p> <p>Erica Casanova (PAC): Email apicdfwpac@gmail.com if you have recently certified or recertified and how you recertified (i.e. by exam or IPUs)</p> <p>Sasha Gdebemah (Board #4): Issues with renewals have been seen (i.e. lost checks, paperwork mix-ups, etc.) When you send your renewal information to APIC, keep track of check information in case there is an issue.</p>	
9. 2021 Chapter SIG/Committee Chair Reports	<p>Jasmine Cluck (Government Affairs Committee): GAC report for April will be posted to the APIC-DFW website shortly .</p>	
10. Public Health Report	<p>Gerline Casseus: Ebola Update: On February 7th – the Ministry of Health in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, DRC, announced that an Ebola case had been confirmed in the North Kivu Province, and subsequent cases were confirmed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, issued an Order on March 2, 2021 requiring airlines to collect contact information for passengers who were in the DRC</p>	

or the Republic of Guinea within the 21 days before their arrival or attempted arrival in the United States and provide that information to the CDC.

Since March 1, there have been no new confirmed Ebola cases reported in the DRC and all contacts of cases that were being monitored for EVD have passed their 21-day incubation period. With no new cases reported in the past 42 days (2 incubation periods), no remaining hospitalized patients with EVD, and no contacts of confirmed Ebola cases requiring monitoring; the potential risk for Ebola exposure in the DRC has greatly diminished. Therefore, on April 29th, the CDC amended the order to no longer require the collection and transmission of contact information for passengers who were in DRC within 21 days before their arrival in the United States. All travelers arriving to the US prior to April 30th will finish out their public health monitoring periods.

All requirements of the March 2nd order pertaining to Guinea remain in effect due to a recently confirmed case. In Guinea, the last confirmed Ebola case and death was reported on April 4th. The release of the last Ebola patient was on April 25 which also marks the start of the 42-day countdown to declaring the end of Guinea's EVD outbreak. [If no new cases are identified, the outbreak could end on June 6]

Cumulatively 35 cases of Ebola, including 18 deaths (Case Fatality Rate: 51%), and 16 recoveries. From the DRC (12 cases; 6 deaths; 6 recoveries) and Guinea (23 cases; 12 deaths; 10 recoveries). This includes two health workers from the DRC and five health workers from Guinea.

COVID-19 Information:

A summary of variant strains by Trauma Service Area (TSA) in Texas can be found on the DSHS COVID-19 website in the “News Updates” section which is scheduled to be updated weekly. B.1.1.7 remains as the most reported variant in

Texas <https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus>

A summary of MIS-C cases by Public Health Region (PHR) in Texas can be found on the DSHS COVID-19 website in the “News Updates” section. Of note besides the case information breakdown provided on the website; about a third (36%) of cases had at least one underlying condition, with Obesity and Asthma being the most frequently reported conditions. Duration of hospitalization ranged from 1 to 61 days with a median of 7 days. Among reported MIS-C cases, 71% required ICU admission, and 28% of ICU admissions required ECMO and/or

Mechanical

Ventilation. <https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus>

As of today, 23 *Candida auris* cases have been reported to DSHS Region 2/3 and the 13 local health departments located in this region. Cases include patients with clinical infections and patients identified as colonized with *C. auris*. Seven of the 23 cases have expired. The latest positive collection date is 4/28/2021.

CDC verified two specimens showing pan-resistance, resistant to all three antifungal classes. Additionally, three isolates are identified as Echinocandin-resistant. These specimen susceptibilities are concerning as antifungal

	<p>resistance creates barriers to patient treatment.</p> <p>We continue to encourage IPs to review transfer communication protocols ensuring patient isolation status is communicated and verified when transferring or accepting patients. DSHS recommends the availability of disinfectants identified as effective against <i>C. auris</i>, as listed on the CDC and EPA website (https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/c-auris-infection-control.html). Ongoing environmental cleaning and disinfection audits should be in place.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor for <i>C. auris</i> results and promptly report cases to your local health department. Also, please ensure <i>C. auris</i> isolates are submitted to DSHS Laboratory.</p>													
<p>11. Treasurers Report</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Opening Balance, checking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$21,000.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,582.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$475.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Closing Balance, checking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$24,107.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$33,486.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$57,594.78</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Balance, checking	\$21,000.46	Income	\$3,582.35	Expenses	\$475.00	Closing Balance, checking	\$24,107.81	Savings	\$33,486.97	Total	\$57,594.78	
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<p>12. Announcements</p>	<p>Important Dates</p> <p>Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Virtual Meeting: Friday May 14, 2021 @ 12:00PM.</p> <p>APIC DFW Professional Advancmenet Committee Virtual Meeting: Thursday June 3, 2021</p> <p>APIC DFW Virtual Meeting: Thursday June 3, 2021 @ 1pm</p>													

	<p>Applying COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Strategies in Nursing Homes: Wednesday, June 16 2021 @ 1pm</p> <p>APIC Virtual Conference: June 28-30, 2021</p> <p>Check Email/Webpage for details on all events.</p> <p>Katheen Hartless: VA requested IPC materials for Project First Line and was accepted. Introduced new employee.</p> <p>Anne Mattern: Introduced two new IPs from her department.</p>	
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Next Meeting: Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 @ 1:00 PM, Zoom