

APIC-DFW 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

Facilitator	Donald Chitanda	Date	8/5/2021	Time	1300-1430
Location	Zoom				

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
1. Welcome and House Keeping	Donald stepping in for Calvin due to other commitment	
2. Education	<p>Dr. Diana Cervantes, MS, DrPH, CLS(MB), CPH, CIC presented “APIC 2020 MegaSurvey: Infection Prevention in Non-Acute Care Settings”</p> <p>Teri Mauldin, MBA, BSN, CIC presented “Factors Related to Accurate Application of NHSN Surveillance Definitions for CAUTI and CLABSI in Texas Hospitals: A Cross-Sectional Survey”</p>	
3. Old Business	No significant updates.	
4. New Business		
5. Vendor Presentations	No vendor portion today.	
6. Chapter Officer Reports	<p>Immediate Past President: APIC-DFW website has been reviewed and updated. Members are encouraged to use the hashtag “#APICDFW” when they tweet about IP. Members can make correction requests for the APIC-DFW website through the corrections section of the website.</p> <p>National Liaison: Infection Prevention Week is Oct 17th-23th. The theme is “Make your Intention Infection Prevention”</p> <p>Board member #2 is recruiting for 2022 volunteers for the Professional Advancement and Social committees</p>	
7. Committee/SIG Reports	<p>Chuck Monney Conference Committee: All 4 speakers for conference are booked and it will be held October 22nd. Look for materials coming soon. 5 IPU's will be available.</p> <p>Jasmine Cluck, GAC: legislative slides and August GAC report are available on the APIC-DFW website.</p>	

	<p>Erica PAC: Professional Advancement Committee is recruiting for next year</p> <p>Demi Nominating Committee: Nominating committee chair encourages members to fill out the willingness to serve form.</p>													
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9. Treasurer Report	<table border="1" data-bbox="646 438 1606 609"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance, checking</td> <td>\$23,508.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>\$1,135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses</td> <td>(\$475.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance, checking</td> <td>\$24,168.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td>\$33,487.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$57,656.50</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Balance, checking	\$23,508.69	Income	\$1,135.00	Expenses	(\$475.00)	Closing Balance, checking	\$24,168.69	Savings	\$33,487.81	Total	\$57,656.50	
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10. Public Health Update	<p>Hep A: There has been a marked increase in the number of reported cases of Hepatitis A in Public Health Region 2/3. From 2016 to 2019, the number of cases each year ranged from 20-40 cases. In 2020, this increased to 151 cases. From January through July of this year, 172 cases have been officially reported to DSHS in PHR 2/3. Several of our local health departments have noticed increases; however, approximately 70% of these cases have been reported in Dallas County alone. Investigations have highlighted primary risk characteristics of homelessness and illicit drug use (both IVDU and non-IVDU). The majority of cases are being reported in men ages 35 – 64. Please report any suspected cases of HAV to your local health department promptly.</p> <p>Monkeypox: A single case of monkeypox virus infection was confirmed in a TX resident in July. The patient had onset of cough, fever, diarrhea, and rash on 7/1 while in Nigeria. The patient traveled to Dallas from Lagos, Nigeria, via Atlanta on two separate flights during July 8-9, 2021 while infectious. Public health worked with the CDC’s Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) to identified contacts on those flights and conduct public health monitoring. All TX individuals identified as contacts on the flights as well as potential community contacts have completed their 21 day post potential exposure monitoring. There are still some healthcare workers under symptom monitoring as they are still caring for the patient. All appropriate PPE is being worn by the HCWs (patient</p>													

on standard, contact and airborne precautions) and none have reported symptoms at this time. A total of 51 contacts reside within DSHS PHR 2/3.

COVID-19 Variant:

COVID-19 Information:

	B.1	3
	B.1.1.519	2
Alpha/UK	B.1.1.7	617
	B.1.2	2
	B.1.234	1
Beta/S. Africa	B.1.351	10
	B.1.396	1
Epsilon/US	B.1.427	11
	B.1.429	27
	B.1.526	21
Iota/US	B.1.526.1	4
	B.1.526.2	3
	B.1.596	5
Kappa/India	B.1.617.1	2
Delta/India	B.1.617.2	56
Gamma/Brazil	P.1	25
Zeta/Brazil	P.2	1
	Total	791

- Demographics
 - Gender
 - 33% are male (n=262)
 - 38% are female (n=297)
 - 29% unknown (n=231)
 - Age
 - The average age is 37 years with a range of 1-88 years
 - Residence
 - 52% are in one of the big 4 counties in PHR 2/3 (those are Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant)

Upward Trend:

In counties where PHR 2/3 has public health jurisdiction, we have been experiencing a high increase in reported COVID-19 cases. In week 27 (7/4-7/10) we were receiving on average ~80 cases/day, week 28 (7/11-7/17) the average increased to ~210 cases/day, and week 30 (7/25-7/31) the average increased again to ~500 cases/day.

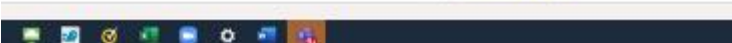
As of yesterday 8/4/2021, 114 *Candida auris* cases have been reported to DSHS Region 2/3 and the 13 local health departments located in this area. The cases include those with clinical infections and those identified as colonized cases. Eighteen cases have expired. The latest positive collection date is 8/2/2021.

The number of cases with unusual resistance has not changed since the June update. There are two cases whose isolates were confirmed with pan-resistance (resistance to all three antifungal classes) and five additional cases with isolates identified as Echinocandin-resistant.

There are more facilities in the metroplex and surrounding communities who have cared for a positive *C. auris* case since we provided an update in June.

Due to the identification of ongoing transmission of *C. auris* in healthcare facilities in PHR 2/3, we would like to remind facilities of the following:

- To prepare your facility to care for a patient with a history of *C.*

	<p><i>auris</i>, ensure your facility has disinfectants available from EPA List P (EPA-registered disinfectants effective against <i>C. auris</i>). If the facility does not have disinfectants on EPA List P, then ensure there is a disinfectant available from EPA List K (EPA-registered disinfectants effective against <i>C. difficile</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate staff on manufacturer’s instructions for use for the disinfectant, including contact time and dilution. We recommend IP auditing of environmental cleaning/disinfection practices for EVS and clinical staff. • When a patient is on contact precautions for <i>C. auris</i>, staff should discard all PPE after each encounter. • When a patient is transferred to another healthcare facility, communicate with public health and the facility IP to help ensure transmission-based precautions gets implemented at the new facility. • <i>Candida</i> species identification in both sterile and non-sterile sites is recommended while <i>C. auris</i> transmission is ongoing in the area. <p>Please continue to monitor for <i>C. auris</i> results and promptly report cases to your local health department. Ensure the isolate is submitted to DSHS Lab per Texas Administrative Code.</p>											
<p>11. Announcements</p>	<p>Important Dates:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Save These Future Meeting Dates!</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>August 15th, 2021</td> <td>Willingness to Serve Applications Day!</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2nd, 2021</td> <td>Education and Business Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 15th, 2021</td> <td>APIC DFW Conference Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 17 – 23rd, 2021</td> <td>International Infection Prevention Week: Make Your Intention Infection Prevention!</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 4th, 2020</td> <td>Education and Business Meeting</td> </tr> </table> <p>More details can be found on our webpage – www.apicdfw.org</p> </div> 	August 15 th , 2021	Willingness to Serve Applications Day!	September 2 nd , 2021	Education and Business Meeting	October 15 th , 2021	APIC DFW Conference Day	October 17 – 23 rd , 2021	International Infection Prevention Week: Make Your Intention Infection Prevention!	November 4 th , 2020	Education and Business Meeting	
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Next Meeting: September 2nd, 2021 1:00 PM, Zoom

