

APIC DFW Business Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/3/2022

Facilitator	Donald Chitanda	Date	3/3/2022	Time	1300 - 1430
Location	Microsoft TEAMS	Minutes prepared by	Febi Sammons		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
Welcome & Housekeeping	Welcome new members and guests!	
Education	<p>“The Next Big Adventure: Prevention of Non-hospital-acquired Pneumonia” presented by Kathleen Vollman, MSN, RN, CCNS, FCCM, FCNS, FAAN. Access presentation at: https://www.vollman.com</p> <p>CNE will be provided by TG&A. Email will be sent to those who attended the entire presentation. Evaluation due by March 15, 2022.</p>	
Old Business	<p>February 2022 Business Meeting Minutes – posted on APIC-DFW website.</p> <p>Approved by Chuck Monney, second by Thi Dang.</p>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIC National Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APIC celebrating 50 years. - Donald reviewed results of 2021 Annual Chapter Survey from 2022 Chapter Leader Call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APIC updated Vision and Mission. - There’s continued need for infection preventionists as evident by the COVID pandemic. - Review strategic plan which includes fostering development of next generation IP workforce; elevating IPs as essential advocates, leaders, and experts; and champion the scientific advancement and practice of IP. - APIC is hosting a year-long celebration that will include annual conference celebration; videos, member remembrances; AJIC special edition and editorials, time capsule, and updated historical timeline. APIC-DFW would like to celebrate members’ milestone. Please let us know if you’re celebrating a milestone in life. - Annual Conference: Indianapolis June 13-15. Details on the website • Committee Volunteer Needs 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference committee: need as many people as possible to work on the conference. Need a chair and a co-chair for the committee. 															
Vendor Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelley Wellbrock with BD Interventional Surgery/Infection Prevention presented on solutions to prevent SSI. For more information, email kelley.welbrock@bd.com. • Ben Grounds with Boehringer Labs presented on latex-free external female catheter device CareDry System. For more information, email bgrounds@boehringerlabs.com. 															
Committee/SIG Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasmine Cluck with Government Affairs Committee: Visit the DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee Report for March 2022 on the APIC-DFW website. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDC Updates Quarantine and Isolation Documents for COVID-19 - Support Infectious Disease Workforce Pipeline: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee has released its PREVENT Pandemics Act, bipartisan legislation that attempts to act on lessons learned from the pandemic response. Unfortunately, this legislation does not include language from the BIO Preparedness Workforce Act, which would directly invest in the infectious disease workforce pipeline. Contact your Members of Congress and tell them to cosponsor H.R. 5602/S. 3244, so lawmakers understand the importance of this legislation. • Sunshine: Therissa Grefsrud is now co-chair along with Gaby Perez. • Katie Davis (SIG) – CLABSI Questions on March 11th. 															
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<p>Board Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Blast: PAC meeting monthly. If you have recertified email apicdfwpac@gmail.com. If you need access to APIC text let PAC know. • Chuck Monney: Check your membership to ensure you are included in the roster for communication purposes. 	
<p>Public Health Update</p>	<p>Thi Dang and Scott Mize reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID: On Friday, February 25, 2022, CDC launched COVID-19 Community Levels to monitor the number of new cases in communities across the country and the burden COVID-19 is placing on local healthcare systems. The COVID-19 Community Levels combine metrics of COVID-19 hospital admissions and hospital capacity with case data to identify when a community is facing a low, medium, or high level of risk from COVID-19. CDC also recommends specific personal and community prevention measures at each of the three levels: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html [cdc.gov] <p>PLEASE NOTE: CDC’s new COVID-19 Community Levels [cdc.gov] recommendations do not apply in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes. Instead, healthcare settings should continue to use community transmission rates [covid.cdc.gov] and continue to follow CDC’s infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare settings. (Reference: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html [cdc.gov])</p> <p>On Monday, February 28, 2022, the CDC updated its guidance for prioritize case investigation and public health follow-up activities for COVID-19. <i>“The updated guidance ends the recommendation for universal case investigation ... and encourages health departments to focus these activities on high-risk settings. The updated guidance is in response to changes in the nature of the pandemic and the increasing availability of tools—such as COVID-19 vaccines and self-tests and strategies like wearing a well-fitting mask—that reduce transmission and help prevent serious illness and death. It advises health departments to focus their efforts on the highest risk settings—such as long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, and homeless shelters—and encourage people with COVID-19 to quickly notify their own close contacts.”</i> https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-</p>	

	<p>ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/prioritization.html [cdc.gov] DSHS Central Office said they are currently reviewing the updated guidance and DSHS recommendations/guidance will be forthcoming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i> and infant formula update: Federal and state partners are investigating consumer complaints of powdered infant formulas linked to three <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i> and one <i>Salmonella</i> Newport case in the US. Two of these consumer complaints were associated with Texas cases, a lab-confirmed <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i> case and a <i>Salmonella</i> Newport case. Consumer complaints were reported between 9/20/2021 and 1/11/2022, with symptom onset dates ranging from 9/6/2021 to 12/18/2021. The two Texas cases linked to this investigation were hospitalized, and no deaths were reported. Opened and unopened containers of infant formula were tested, and one infant formula from Minnesota was positive for <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>. All cases are reported to have consumed powdered infant formula produced from Abbott Nutrition’s Sturgis, Michigan facility. On February 17, 2022, Abbott Nutrition initiated a proactive, voluntary recall of powder formulas, including Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan.• Powder Formulas Recall [fda.gov] Texas Department of State Health Services released a Health Advisory for <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i> in response to the ongoing FDA investigation and the recent recall of powdered infant formulas. Infants with <i>Cronobacter</i> infection typically present with symptoms and signs of bloodstream infection or meningitis. The clinical presentation should guide diagnostic evaluation and treatment. Healthcare providers and laboratories should report infections with <i>C. sakazakii</i> from infants (< 12 months of age) to their local health department.• Reporting notifiable conditions: Our regional office sent out the 2022 reportable conditions sheet to the IPs within counties where DSHS PHR 2/3 serves as the LHD. The document was color coded for easy of reporting to the specific DSHS PHR 2/3 program responsible for following up with the condition. Please let us know if you did not receive the document and we can send it to you or if you would like a copy if your facility reports to us regularly; and as always, we thank you for reporting all conditions to us.	
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<p>Announcements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Conference Call</u> March 11th, 2022 at 12 PM Check Email and Website for Teams details</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Month's Meeting Information:</u> April 7th, 2022 at 1 PM via Teams Speaker: John Whelan Mitigating Risks of Processing Reusable Medical Devices in Ambulatory Care Settings</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Professional Advancement Committee</u> First Thursday of every month Via Teams from 11:00 – 12:30 Check APIC-DFW Website for details</p>	

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Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1455	

Next Meeting: April 7th, 2022 via TEAMS