

## APIC-DFW Business Meeting Minutes

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<b>Facilitator</b>	Teri Mauldin	<b>Date</b>	8/3/2023	<b>Time</b>	1300 - 1500
<b>Location</b>	UNT HSC & MS TEAMS	<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Febi Sammons		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
Welcome & Housekeeping	Welcome new members and guests!	
Education	<p>Research Posters presented by chapter members:</p> <p><i>Reducing the infection rate in breast tissue expansion procedures: implementing a standardized Tae procedure in plastic surgery clinics</i> by Tessy Davidson, RN, MSN, CIC</p> <p><i>The role of molecular testing in identifying carbapenamase producing organisms (CPO): Implications for infection control and prevention strategies</i> by Therissa Grefsrud, MBA-HCM, BSN, RN, CIC</p>	
Vendor Message	Thank you to our vendors: Tinley Carlile (PDI), Henry Abramson (UVDI), Mac Jones & Trevor Thelander (Kurin)	
Old Business	June 2023 Business Meeting – posted on <a href="#">APIC-DFW</a> website.	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remember to share your accomplishments with the chapter through the website form. Communicate → <a href="#">Share your success</a></li> <li>Congratulations to Calvin White who recently received the FAPIC designation.</li> <li>Presentations from Education Support recipients- Katherine Hoffman &amp; Hammad Akram</li> <li>APIC Conference Highlights/lessons learned from Chapter leader day and other sessions-Teri Mauldin, Kristina Hobbs, Jasmine Cluck</li> <li>APIC Critical Access Scholarship opportunity- <a href="https://apic.org/education-and-events/certification/critical-access-hospital-ipc-scholarship/">https://apic.org/education-and-events/certification/critical-access-hospital-ipc-scholarship/</a></li> <li>Spotlight on elected board member positions coming up for 2024 - Secretary &amp; President Elect</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>National Liaison</b>      <i>Laura Buford</i></p>	<p><b>Mentoring</b>      <i>Calvin White</i></p>	
<p>Government Affairs Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Willingness to serve form</a> posted on the website.</li> <li>• Member Engagement Committee – Need new chair to fill role</li> </ul> <p>Jasmine Cluck, GAC chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC Report posted with a few FDA notices. APIC DFW website: Resources → Government Affairs (<a href="#">website</a>).</li> </ul>		
<p>Public Health Update</p>	<p>Sarah Work TX DSHS Region 2/3 provided the following update:</p> <p><b>DSHS Staffing Updates:</b>          The contract for our nursing home strike team, which has been performing proactive onsite ICARs at long term care facilities, and assisting with the COVID response, ended July 31. We are creating a waitlist for proactive ICARs, and you can still email <a href="mailto:ICAR@dshs.texas.gov">ICAR@dshs.texas.gov</a> if you are interested in participating.</p> <p>The Epi II for PHR 2/3 should start in the next couple weeks and we hope to introduce them at the next APIC DFW meeting.</p> <p><b>Carbapenemase Producing Organism (CPO) Testing:</b>          DSHS Lab can test CRE isolates for CPOs. If your facility is interested in participating please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:sarah.work@dshs.texas.gov">sarah.work@dshs.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Fungal Meningitis Update:</b></p> <p>The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local public health departments are continuing to investigate an outbreak of fungal meningitis among patients hospitalized in Texas after undergoing surgical procedures under epidural anesthesia in Matamoros, Mexico. The causative organism <i>Fusarium solani</i> was recently isolated from one patient’s tissue culture specimen and was determined to be highly resistant to most antifungals.</p>		

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	<p>DSHS is issued a Health Advisory to alert Texas healthcare providers of recent changes in the treatment guidance for patients with this highly resistant strain of <i>Fusarium solani</i>. Key changes include increased dosing recommendations for previously prescribed antifungals along with the addition of an experimental drug in Phase II clinical trials, to the recommended treatment regimen (see the “<a href="#">Updated Treatment Recommendations</a>” in this document for summary of the changes to the <a href="#">Interim Recommendations</a>).</p> <p>Full health advisory: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/health-advisory-fungal-meningitis-outbreak-change-clinical-guidance">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/health-advisory-fungal-meningitis-outbreak-change-clinical-guidance</a></p>	
Announcements	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting Information:</b> September 7, 2023 – <b>via TEAMS only</b> Virtual option available via TEAMS - Register at <a href="#">APIC-DFW Website</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Professional Advancement Committee</u></b> <b>First Thursday of every month</b> Via Teams from 11:00 – 12:30 Check APIC-DFW Website for details</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM	