

APIC DFW Business Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/5/2023

<b>Facilitator</b>	Teri Mauldin	<b>Date</b>	1/5/2023	<b>Time</b>	1300 - 1500
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft TEAMS	<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Febi Sammons		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
Welcome & Housekeeping	<p>Welcome new members and guests!</p> <p>Welcome Courtney Land, new IP at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Health, Hammad Akram, IP at Texas Health Allen, and Sarah Work new HAI Epidemiologist at TX DSHS Region 2/3.</p>	
Education	<p>“Tuberculosis (TB) Today” presented by Tuberculosis (TB) Program Coordinator, Dallas County Health and Human Services</p> <p>Continuing Education (CE) will be provided by Terri Goodman. You will receive an email from TG&amp;A within 48 hours and evaluation should be done by 1/31/2023. Handout will be available when completing the evaluation.</p>	
Vendor Message	Lana Brennan-ICU Medical and Kelley Wellbrock- BD	
Old Business	<p>November 2022 Business Meeting – posted on <a href="#">APIC-DFW</a> website.</p> <p>Approved by Ann Mattern and second by Thi Dang</p>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Meetings                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April and August meetings will be in-person at UNTHSC</li> <li>• Bylaws are updated to match APIC national bylaws – update is posted on the website</li> <li>• Chapters are not to change APIC bylaws but can adopt it. APIC-DFW’s updated bylaws and operating policies are on the website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Committee/SIG Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance SIG – will be speaking about LabID on January 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Conference Committee – looking for new members to plan in-person only APIC-DFW Conference.</li> <li>• Education Committee (Katherine Hoffman) – Opportunity for APIC-DFW members to present at August meeting.</li> </ul>	

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<p>Board Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck Monney (Membership) – make sure to sign up for the meeting to get credit</li> </ul>																									

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<p>Public Health Update</p>	<p>Sarah Work was introduced as a new DSHS HAI Epidemiologist for PHR 2/3. Sarah can be reached at <a href="mailto:Sarah.Work@dshs.texas.gov">Sarah.Work@dshs.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p>Phuong Vo from DSHS Region 2/3 Reported:</p> <p><b>MPV Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of 1/4/2023, <u>preliminary</u> information indicates:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>41% of Texas cases are located within PHR 2/3 (Dallas/FW Metroplex)</li> <li>The demographics of cases in Texas and PHR 2/3 mirror what is seen at the national level:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority of cases are males in the 30-39 years age group, and the most reported race/ethnicity is Black or African American followed by Hispanic/Latino.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The epi curve is trending down with fewer cases reported each week.</li> </ul> </li> <li>As of 1/4/2023, <u>preliminary</u> information indicates:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The demographics of persons receiving vaccines in Texas and PHR 2/3 mirror what is seen at the national level:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority of recipients are males in the 30-39 years age group, and the most reported race/ethnicity is White followed by Hispanic or Latino.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>																					

**EVD Update –**

- As of 01/02/2023, WHO reports 36 days since the last confirmed case (2 incubation periods is 42 days). Cumulative data reports that there has been a total of 142 confirmed cases with 55 reported deaths. The case fatality ratio among confirmed cases stands at 39%. A total of 4,793 contacts have completed their 21 days of monitoring and have no active contacts under public health follow up.
- Public Health Monitoring of Travelers in Region 2/3
  - Traveler information for passengers coming into Texas is obtained by DSHS Central Office and distributed to PHR's and LHDs based on the address provided by DGMQ or CBP
  - Jurisdictions establish contact with the traveler and conduct an initial assessment of exposure risk, provide health education, and conduct symptom monitoring as appropriate.
  - DSHS developed a EVD Exposure Risk Assessment with the following risk levels:
    - No Identifiable Risk, Low Risk, Some Risk and High Risk
      - No High Risk PUM has been identified in PHR 2/3

**Flu Update**

- Flu activity across the US remains high, but is declining in most areas. In PHR 2/3, flu activity has declined slowly each week since the week of Thanksgiving.
  - Public Health labs are reporting Influenza A, H3N2 as the most frequently reported strain.
- Flu activity in PHR 2/3 is considered widespread as of week 51 with 8.8% of patients presented with influenza-like illness (ILI), which is above the PHR 2/3 baseline of 4.6%.
- There has been 1 influenza-associated pediatric death reported this flu season in PHR 2/3 and 7 total within Texas.
- 16.5% of tests performed were positive for influenza, and of those tested 252 were tested using PCR or culture.
- Looking at influenza like illness hospital visits by age group, the 5-24 year old age group makes up ~35%
- On December 14, 2022, CDC released a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) \[emergency.cdc.gov\]](https://www.healthalertnetwork.han.cdc.gov/) to provide guidance for prioritizing flu antivirals for treatment of flu.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per the FDA, there currently is not a nationwide Tamiflu shortage, however they acknowledge there may be localized shortages where demand is especially high. The FDA has provided a 2022-2023 Influenza Season: Availability of Antiviral Medications listing that was last updated 12/5/22. It can be located here: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/media/120654/download">https://www.fda.gov/media/120654/download</a> [fda.gov] Or under the heading “Influenza Season 2022-2023” here: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/drug-shortages">https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/drug-shortages</a> [fda.gov]</li> </ul> <p><b>Specimen Reminder</b>                  We would like to highly encourage you all to give a friendly reminder to your laboratory staff regarding forwarding of suspected select agents samples. If your facility has a preliminary positive for a select agent, please remind lab staff to forward the specimens appropriately for further public health testing. For example, Brucella or Plague.</p>	
Announcements	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Conference Call</u></b>                  January 13th 12:00 PM                  Check Website Calendar for Meeting Link  <b><u>Next Meeting Information:</u></b></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 2:39 pm.	

*Next Meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 via TEAMS*