

1. Welcome
 - a. Thank you to our speaker – ~~Mark Shelton, MD “HIV in the Pediatric Patient”~~ [Anne Mattern: Sterilization Best Practices-Thanks for stepping in Anne!](#)
 - b. Thank you to our vendors: Healthmark Industries – T Kirk Holder, Magnolia – Jay Knickerbocker, NALCO Water – Jeff Lehrmann
 - c. Visitors/new member introduction
 - d. We're so glad you're here! (Sunshine Committee/door prize – *Shannon Simmons*)
2. Approval of minutes from January 3, 2019 meeting – sent electronically-[Approved](#)
3. Old Business
 - a. National Conference Assistance application -due 03/07/19-[Don't wait for abstract approval. You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of application](#)
 - b. Website functionality – meeting calendar, APIC HQ financial assistance application, operating policies
 - c. Calendar updated - link on website-[About us/meeting location](#)
4. New Business
 - a. Committee volunteer needs-[Conference committee will be chaired by Mary Fulton. Conference committee is requesting up to 4 additional volunteers](#)
 - b. Public Health Update: Kelsey Tatum will update on Influenza and Mumps.-[please see last page](#)

5. Treasurer's Report (*Teri Mauldin*)- As of: December 31, 2018

Opening Balance, checking	\$37,796.84
Income	\$1,933.08
Expenses	\$2,948.31
Closing Balance, checking	\$36,781.61
CD	\$8,461.70
Total	\$45,243.31

6. Officer Reports/Announcements:

Immediate Past President	<i>April Sutton</i>	Board Member #1	<i>Debra Culmer</i>
President	<i>Barb Danielson</i>	Board Member #2	<i>Thi Dang</i>
Pres Elect	<i>Marie Wilson</i>	Board Member #3	<i>Rachel Watson</i>
Secretary	<i>Jennifer Masengill</i>	Board Member #4	<i>Sasha Gbedemah</i>

7. Committee/SIG Announcements:

Awards	<i>Deepika Manandhar</i>	Professional Advance	<i>Bethany Phillips/Erica Casanova- Meeting next month in a classroom. Please let them know if you have certified or recertified</i>
Conference	Taibat Lawal <i>Mary Fulton has taken over for Taibat. Conference date: 10/18/19</i>	Public Relations	<i>Donald Chitanda</i>
Education/Program	<i>Anne Mattern</i>	Sunshine	<i>Shannon Simmons</i>
Government Affairs	<i>Jasmine Cluck-SB 384</i>	TSICP	<i>Doramarie Arocha</i>
Historian	<i>Neeraja Ganeshraj</i>	Surveillance SIG	<i>Jennifer Adams-March Mentoring meeting</i>
National Liaison	<i>Marie Wilson – Be watching for APIC-produced podcast “The 5Second Rule” (no release date known at this time); 1st ever Consensus Conference held in November 2018</i>	Website	<i>Terri Goodman/Donald Chitanda</i>

	<i>will have findings published in April AJIC;</i>	
Social	<i>Cheryl Hammer/Kay Sanyal-party on Thursday 12/5/19, please volunteer</i>	<i>Marie Wilson will be attending Texas Nurse Day at the Capitol as a member of Texas Nurses Association (TNA) to advocate for policies of importance to nursing and infection prevention; Marie encouraged members to review Texas Medical Board proposal to limit who is capable of interpreting radiology studies (including ultrasounds, x-rays, etc.).</i>
Nominating	<i>Kris Hobbs/Jennifer Ochieng</i>	Community Standards of Care SIG <i>Joel Henderson-email Joel at joelhenderson@MHD.com Next meeting 2/14, must register to attend</i>

8. Open Forum

a. **February mentoring meeting 2/8 cancelled-new appointments to be sent**

9. Next Meeting will be March 7, 2019 at Charlton Methodist Auditorium. Speaker: Regina Bowen Hines, MSN, RN, VA-BC – Catheter Bundles: Is your Team Complete?
10. Member/Vendor networking at 12:30 pm. Program/Business meeting starts at 1:00 pm.
11. Adjournment

Please be aware that if your membership lapses, you will not receive automatically generated communications from our website. If you are not hearing from us, please verify that your membership has not expired!

We cordially welcome anyone with interest in connecting with the local Infection Prevention Community to attend up to 2 APIC DFW meetings to determine if you would like to formally join us through membership. There are many benefits to becoming a member!

Flu

- In week 4 of the year, 4.5% of reported ER visits were due to influenza-like illness. During the same week last year, that percentage was 13.3%, before peaking in weeks 5 and 6.
- Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in the region.
- Since the end of the holiday break, influenza activity in schools has increased rapidly, with ILI being responsible for 7.8% of reported absences in week 4.
 - Last flu season, ILI was responsible for 14.8% of absences during week 4.
 - Several flu outbreaks in schools have also been reported in different parts of the region over the last 2 weeks.
- H1N1 is the predominating strain nationally, but H3N2 is circulating at higher levels in the southeastern US.
 - 58% of influenza A specimens subtyped at Texas Public Health laboratories have been H3 so far this season.

Mumps

- As of 2/4/19, there have been 150 cases of mumps associated with 21 immigration detention centers in Texas reported since September 2018. The majority of these cases have been in immigrants but a small amount has been reported in staff of these facilities. As of 1/24/19, there was no documented transmission to the community. One of these facilities is within our region and had two cases of mumps as of 2/4/19.
 - As a reminder, please consider mumps as a diagnosis for those individuals presenting with swelling of the parotid or salivary glands, possibly preceded by low-grade fever, myalgia, malaise, or headache – particularly if the individual has traveled out of state or has a known exposure to mumps. The ideal testing for mumps is a buccal swab for PCR testing and viral isolation. Specimens should be collected as soon as possible, but can be done up to 10 days after onset. Serology can also be collected for IgM antibody testing – ideally three to 7 days after onset. Diagnosis or suspicion of mumps is required to be reported within one working day to your local health department.

Medical Tourism Associated with Drug Resistant Infections

- Recently, some US residents returning from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, were diagnosed with infections caused by a carbapenem-resistant form of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA) bacteria. These infections were carbapenamase producing CRPA. VIM is what we call this carbapenamase. It stands for verona integron-mediated metallo-beta-lactamase.
- All of the travelers with this particular infection had an invasive medical procedure performed in Tijuana. Most (but not all) of them had weight-loss surgery. Over half of those infected had their surgery done at the Grand View Hospital. CDC continues to receive reports of infections in patients reporting surgery at Grand View Hospital, including patients who reported undergoing surgery in 2019.
- CDC recommends that:
 - travelers to Tijuana, Mexico, not have surgery at the Grand View Hospital until the outbreak is over.
 - patients who had surgery at Grand View Hospital and are experiencing signs of an infection—such as redness, pus or swelling at the surgical incision site or fever—seek medical care immediately. Serious complications can result without prompt treatment. To guide effective treatment, patients should tell their healthcare providers about their travel and all medical care or surgeries they had out of the country.
- Mexican health officials identified concerns about medical device and instrument reprocessing, including that the facility did not follow recommended procedures for assuring the quality of sterilization processes. As a precaution, CDC also recommends that patients who had surgery at Grand View Hospital on or after

August 1, 2018, talk to their healthcare provider about getting tested for the bloodborne pathogens hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), even though the risk for developing one of these infections is low.

References:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/drug-resistant-infections-mexico>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/pseudomonas-aeruginosa.html>