

DATE	09/10/2024	TIME	1:00-3:00pm	LOCATION	MidAmerica Carpenters Regional Council
<u>Greater KC APIC Mission:</u> Together, we are committed to the prevention of infection in all healthcare settings and in the community. <u>National APIC Vision:</u> A safer world through the prevention of infection. <u>National APIC Mission:</u> To advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control					
Greater KC APIC Chapter Website: https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home					
Next Meeting Date: October 8th, 2024 Time: 1:00-3:00 Location: Virtual Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA					
Total Attendance: 76			Virtual Attendance: 51 In-Person Attendance: 26		

CALL TO ORDER – Jessica Rindels

- Call to Order: 2:18 PM

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jessica Rindels

- Motion to Approve: Laura Engel
- Second: Sheila McCullough-Culver
- None opposed, No corrections

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tammy Cunningham

- Business Checking: \$22,961.38
- Business Savings: \$1.00
- Business CD: \$7110.79
 - Income: \$3.31 interest income

PRESIDENT & CHAIR REPORTS – Jessica Rindels

- No report

2024 EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Carol Calabrese, RN, BS, CHESP, CIC

- Please submit NHSN Questions/Problems/Issues regarding surveillance definitions and specific cases to Jessica.Rindels@hcamidwest.com and lray1@primehealthcare.com
 - SSIs, secondary bloodstream infections, etc.
 - Please take all identifiers off of cases before sending
- Early registration ends September 15th

Membership Update – Tiffany Kesinger, BSN, RN, CIC

- New member reports have been broken ever since APIC has switched to the new member platform, APIC is trying to get those updated
- Jayna from Coffeyville Regional Medical Center!
- Kira, intern at KU who is getting her MPH from KU
- Jamie Cravens – new to the KC area, from the Wichita chapter originally!
- Jennifer Pennington is going to be rejoining the KU team and joining the Greater KC APIC chapter!

Bylaws – Linda Van Hoecke, RN, BSN, CIC

- Templates are still not out for the chapter bylaws, but they should be out sometime in October

Legislative Representative – Julie Richards, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC

- All bills reported on at the May meeting failed. Reasonings were not given for many of them as to why they failed, could be due to it being an election year or someone not assigned to carry them.
- No bills are pending in KS or MO at this time

MENTORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS – Maggie Reavis

- If you are interested in becoming a mentor or presenting a Lunch and Learn topic, please reach out to Maggie Reavis
- Next lunch and learn is 9/24 with Jessica Rindels on Dialysis – appointment to come
- Megan Harbison – works at KU Ambulatory Surgery Center, IP for ten years in Ambulatory Surgery
- Tom Button – IP for 21 years, RN for 45 years, self-described jack of all trades, master of none, loves rounding and education

Nominating & Awards Committee – Update – Jordan Harvey

- Three New IP Awards available, great for Educational Conference
- Harriet Mitchell Memorial Award for Local Education Conference
 - Please submit applications to NAC members with the educational session you would like to join
- GKC APIC Positions Available in 2025
 - President-Elect – 1-year term (total of 3: president-elect, president, immediate past president)
 - Treasurer – 2-year term
 - NAC (2) – 2-year term
 - Board of Directors (2) – 2-year term
- Please reach out to the officers or previous officers if you have any questions about leadership positions and what is required

Round Table Discussion – Ask the Officer

- Nominating and Awards
 - Preparing for elections, preparing ballots, sending out surveys for participants, preparing eligibility requirements for financial awards
 - Good way to get involved with the chapter without it being a daunting task
- Board of Directors
 - Great opportunity to get a perspective of what goes on with the chapter and how it operates and functions
 - Not a big time commitment, talk about issues or topics that need to be focused on for the chapter
 - Easier than serving on an HOA board of directors
- Treasurer
 - You don't need an accounting degree to be the treasurer

- Have to do the budget every year, oversee the chapter finances, balance sheet and income statement to go to national APIC
- President and President-Elect
 - President-Elect – supports the president, coordinates the monthly educational meetings, great opportunity to network like crazy and push your boundaries
 - Plan is to eventually create an educational committee to keep a pulse on potential speakers
 - President – held accountable by the Board of Directors, brings information back from National APIC, spokesperson for the chapter to national APIC
 - Carol recommends looking at what strengths you have to see how you can help and support the chapter
 - Spread your wings in a safe space

Social Media Update – Casey Cristini, BS, MSc.

- Let us know if you all would like to see something on the social media pages – please contact Casey, Annie, or Lance

PUBLIC HEALTH LIAISON FOR KS – Linda Van Hoecke – RN, BSN, CIC

- Slides will be sent out
- Flu is still down,
- If you have questions, please reach out to Linda

PUBLIC HEALTH LIAISON FOR MO – Cindy Calendar, BS

- H5N1 case identified from a patient in Missouri, patient did not have any known animal exposure
- Seeing more Shigella cases among the homeless population
- Flu is still down

Chapter Vendor Representative – Sherry Barklage

- Sherry will send out a vendor needs assessment, working to get vendors back into the chapter and increase engagement among vendors.

Historian – Lance Williamson

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Please refer to July meeting minutes

CELBATIONS/SUNSHINE – Carol Calabrese (Open to all)

- No Report – please let Carol know about different life events (births, deaths, certifications, awards, etc.).

KDHE HAI Representative

- Need a representative for this role. Please contact Loretta Fitzgerald if interested

NETWORKING – IP Question and Answer

- No questions submitted – if you have any questions, please submit them to the community message board, or send them to Meredith Shellner or Annie Huber

CIC PREPARATION QUESTIONS – SHEILA SHIPLEY

- In response to a recent outbreak, a long-term care facility mandates testing all new admissions for *Clostridioides difficile*. A positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) result for *C. difficile* is found in a 75-year-old patient, who completed treatment three months ago, and is currently asymptomatic with formed stools. How should this result be interpreted?

- a. Indication of persistent infection warranting immediate isolation
- b. Likely a false-positive PCR result
- c. **Suggestive of colonization**
 - **Rationale:** In the absence of symptoms and considering the patient's previous treatment completion, a positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) result for *Clostridioides difficile* likely indicates colonization rather than active infection. Colonization refers to the presence of *C. difficile* without causing symptomatic di
- d. Signifying ongoing treatment failure
- The infection preventionist (IP) is concerned about an increase in *Escherichia coli* infections in patients who underwent colon surgeries in the past year. What kind of graph should the IP use to determine whether the problem is ongoing?
 - a. Scatter plot
 - b. Line chart
 - c. **Histogram**
 - **Rationale:** An epidemic curve (or epi curve) is a histogram (bar chart) that shows the distribution of cases over time. The time intervals are displayed on the x-axis (the horizontal axis), and case counts are displayed on the y-axis (the vertical axis). The result is a visual representation of illness onset in cases associated with an outbreak. The epi curve is an essential tool in an outbreak investigation and a key feature of descriptive epidemiology. It can provide useful information on the size, pattern of spread, time trend, and exposure period of the outbreak, and is often included in the epidemiological (epi) summary
 - d. Mekko chart

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – Meredith Shellner

- Adjourned: 3:11 PM
- Next meeting – October 8th, 2024 @ 1 PM

ACTION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS & NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES	
Chapter Officers	President: Meredith Shellner, MSHS, BSN, RN, BA, CIC President Elect: Jessica Rindels, MBA, BSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ Past President: Sylvia Ford, MSN, RN, CIC Secretary: Annie Huber, MPH (1 st year of a 2-year term) Treasurer: Tammy Cunningham, MBA, BSN-RN, CIC (2 nd year of a 2-year term)
Board of Directors	Leslie Cox, MSN, RN (2 nd year of a 2-year term) Angela Redman, BSN, RN, CIC (2 nd year of a 2-year term) Shelia Shipley, DNP, RN, CIC, EBP-C (1 st year of a 2-year term) Lisa Ray, BSN, RN (1 st year of a 2 nd year term)

Nominating and Awards Committee	Jordan Harvey, BSN, RN, PCCN (2nd year of a 2-year term – Chairperson) Sheila McCullough Culver MPH, BSN, RN (2nd year of a 2-year term) Casey Semos, MPH, CIC (1st year of a 2-year term) Megan Harbison, BSN, RN (1st year of a 2-year term)
National Committee Representatives	Maggie Reavis: National APIC Professional Development Committee (2022-2024) Sylvia Ford: National APIC Annual Conference Committee (2023-2026)
AVAILABLE ON GREATER KC APIC CHAPTER WEBSITE <u>https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home</u>	
• Meeting Minutes • Educational Offering PowerPoint Slides:	