

DATE	2/11/2025	TIME	1:00-3:00pm	LOCATION	Virtual
Greater KC APIC Mission: Together, we are committed to the prevention of infection in all healthcare settings and in the community. National APIC Vision: A safer world through the prevention of infection. National APIC Mission: 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: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 Time: 1:00-3:00 Location: Mid-America Carpenter's Regional Council Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA					
Total Attendance: 79 Business Meeting Attendance: 73				Virtual Only	

CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order: 1:40 PM

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to Approve: Cari Harpster
- Second: Jess Scott
- None opposed, No corrections

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Business Checking: \$39,308.71
 - Deposits:
 - \$825 for chapter dues
 - Expenses: None
- Business Savings: \$1.00
- Business CD: \$7,127.17 (includes interest received \$3.32)

CELEBRATIONS/SUNSHINE

- No reports this month
- Sunshine volunteer remains open, if you are interested please contact the President, President-Elect, or Secretary

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 37th Annual AIDS WALK Kansas City
 - Saturday, April 26th, 2025 – Theis Park, Kansas City, MO
- Community Outreach Coordinator will send out a poll to see what level of participation and activities people would like to do

QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP

- How do you combat education fatigue in the hospital?
 - Leadership could step in to help people listen if IPAC does not have authority
 - Keep track of who your champions are in the population and how to work with staff
 - Reinforce people doing the right thing so people can start to recognize what they should be doing and changing their own practices (candy, stickers, etc)
 - Reinforce why it's important with data and show why it's important
- Discussion on Artificial Nails – What is your policy on artificial nails? Do you restrict gel nails? Is it restricted to only certain employees?
 - No artificial nails for all patient care staff
 - Nursing leadership requested a deep dive on requirement at one facility for NO nail polish whatsoever, found from data that normal nail polish is fine, but no gel, no dip, no acrylic
 - Data has to do with burn unit, NICU, bone marrow transplant, was expanded to all clinical areas
 - Are we doing this because it's a policy, or are we doing this because we're supposed to do it?
 - Our job to educate, not our job to police
 - If it's in the hand hygiene policy, then it could be looked at as IPAC's responsibility to enforce

BOARD OF DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- Nominating and Awards Committee
 - Chairperson was appointed and confirmed by the APIC Board of Directors
 - Progress – First official meeting was 2/7
 - Review financial awards available
 - Updating documents for 2026
 - Coming Soon
 - Details of financial awards and applications
 - Outreach to chapter – sharing educational opportunities
- Social Media Committee
 - Please send any pictures, videos, and/or content ideas to Casey Cristini: ccristini@kumc.edu
- Educational Committee
 - No report

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- KS Public Health Liaison
 - Uptick in weekly percentage of emergency room visits for acute respiratory illness (22.0%)
 - Visits for Respiratory illnesses also on the rise
 - Data is updated every Wednesday
 - COVID-19 numbers are down, but flu numbers are up
 - KS-HAN – Accelerated subtyping of Influenza A in hospitalized patients – notify Epi hotline if you suspect nonseasonal influenza in a patient for help with identifying H5N1 if Flu A cannot be subtyped
 - Negative pressure room and airborne precautions required for novel influenza until we receive more information on the disease in humans, disease more virulent and can have more dire outcomes. Same precautions taken during H1N1 pandemic
 - Tuberculosis Cases in Kansas City, KS – All cases have been addressed, they've either been treated or are completing treatment (active and latent cases)
 - Marburg in Tanzania, Ebola (Sudan virus) in Uganda, Mpox in two travelers returning from area where Clade I outbreaks occurring
- KCMO Public Health Liaison
 - Influenza cases also up on KCMO side, more flu A than flu B, very active flu season

- Follow guidance from CDC HAN for subtyping of Flu A specimens
- 3rd week of increase with reported COVID-19 cases, but less reported cases as compared to this time last year, only one COVID-19 related death so far this year
- COVID-19 Wastewater level in Missouri – High, lower than regional trend but higher than national
- More Flu than COVID-19 reported
- 2 measles cases, one in Texas and one in Atlanta, Georgia area, both among unvaccinated individuals
- Legislative Representative
 - Various Missouri and Kansas bills pending, please see slide deck for reference
 - Executive orders – they are not changing the laws, some of them can go through without Congress approving, but others need Congress's approval
 - WHO withdrawal – will happen within 12 months, want to stop financial contributions to WHO
 - Pulling back bills that were put in place during COVID for Global Health Security
 - Review and changes to USAID – 90 day shut down, then Congress will decide what next steps will be
 - USAID provides medical treatments, vaccinations to high-risk areas, prevents polio from spreading
 - Temporary cessation of health communication from CDC, NIH, FDA – some communication has gone back out, but they have to go through president-appointed designee before being released
 - Who Newsletter: <https://www.who.int/news-room/newsletters>
 - Archived Webpages: <https://web.archive.org/>
 - APIC Statement on Trump Administration's Potential Withdrawal from the World Health Organization: <https://apic.org/news/apic-statement-on-trump-administrations-potential-withdrawal-from-the-world-health-organization/>
 - White Paper on Health Disparities: <https://apic.org/news/apic-releases-white-paper-on-the-impact-of-health-disparities-and-inequities-in-infection-prevention/>

NEW BUSINESS

- Open Volunteer positions
 - None
- Update on Microsoft account for chapter – President will create account this week
 - This will become a place where committees can store files, e.g. NAC, Educational Committee, etc.
- Update on Not-For-Profit Re-instatement
 - All information has been sent to national APIC, they have received the information, waiting for update on their end to see what they need from us as a chapter
- Swope Health still looking for an IP

CIC REVIEW/PREP QUESTION

- Legionnaires Disease – What Precautions?
 - B. Standard Precautions
- Resident has a wound culture positive for MRSA, but wound has healed. What action should be taken if patient is in a skilled nursing facility?
 - A. Enhanced Barrier Precautions

WRAP-UP/ADJOURN

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:51 PM
- Next meeting will NOT be held at Carpenter's Council, looking for anyone who is willing to host the chapter for a meeting. If we cannot find a host, it will be an online meeting again.

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS & NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Chapter Officers	President: Jessica Rindels MBA, BSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ, HACCP President-Elect: Maggie Reavis MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, CPHQ Past President: Sylvia Ford MSN, RN, CIC Secretary: Annie Huber MPH (2nd year of 2-year term) Treasurer: Tanya McIntosh (1st year of 2-year term)
Board of Directors	Sheila Shipley DNP, RN, CIC, EBP-C (2nd year of 2-year term) Lisa Ray BSN, RN (2nd year of 2-year term) Craig Williams (1st year of 2-year term) Susannah Paschal (1st year of 2-year term)
Nominating and Awards Committee	Casey Semos, MPH, CIC (2nd year of a 2-year term) Megan Harbison, BSN, RN (2nd year of a 2-year term) Laura Engel, RN, BSN, CIC (1st year of a 2-year term) LaSonya Buford, BSN, RN (1st year of a 2-year term)
National Committee Representatives	Tanya McIntosh: National APIC Professional Development Committee (2025-2027) Sylvia Ford: National APIC Annual Conference Committee (2023-2026)

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- Meeting Minutes
- Educational Offering PowerPoint Slides: