

Education Topic: *Turning an infection prevention project into a publication: An IPs guide to research and quality improvement*

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- I. Welcome/Speaker Intro Maggie Reavis
- II. Educational Hour Sara Reese
- III. Call to Order Jessica Rindels
- IV. Review & Approval of Minutes Maggie Reavis
 - a. <https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home>
 - b. Motion to Approve: Jordan Harvey
 - c. Second: Erica Miles
- V. Treasurer Report Tanya McIntosh
 - a. Business Checking: \$40,723.71 (Deposit \$1,415)
 - b. Business Savings: \$1.00
 - c. Business CD: \$7,136.71
 - i. Interest received: \$3.22
 - d. 2024 Annual Taxes Filed
- VI. Celebrations/Sunshine Cari Harpster/Jess Scott
 - a. Sheila is a Grandma!
 - b. Jordan graduates with her MPH!
 - c. Megan Harbison has a new ASC member!
- VII. Community Outreach Jordan Harvey

- a. AIDS Walk last month- Raised \$265 and walked with adorable outfits and babies/fur babies
- b. Let Jordan Harvey know if there are any other organizations that you want to support
- c. KC Pride June 6th-8th
 - i. Jordan needs someone to run this event
 - ii. Could volunteer or walk in the parade
 - iii. If interested, connect with Jordan Harvey jharvey7@kumc.edu
- d. Potential opportunities to volunteer at KC Care Clinic
 - i. Maggie to reach out to Director
- e. Collecting toys throughout the summer for CMH

VIII. Questions for the Group

Membership

- a. TJC findings on piece of ventilator, but unsure what piece of equipment-Anyone have more information on that?
 - i. Expiratory valve on NICU vents and how they were reprocessing it. Using reusable ones. IFU and vendor reps were not helpful. Was putting them through Medivator (disinfectants listed in IFU were only products made in England, Medivator cleaner was not approved). Started sending it through SPD.
- b. Processes for suspected measles coming in-
 - i. KDHE with additional resources in Public Health Liaison updates

IX. Board of Director/Committee Chair Reports

a. Nominating & Awards Committee

Casey Semos

- i. Multiple awards still available- Reach out to anyone on NAC for questions
- ii. Chapter Involvement: Volunteering, Mentoring, Serve in GKC APIC chapter

b. Membership Update Tiffany Kesinger

i. Welcome to new members: Brendan Bellomo, Kathy Adams, Abi Brittain

c. Social Media Committee Casey Cristini

i. No update

d. Education Committee Committee Chair

i. No update

X. Informational Reports

a. Public Health Liaison for KS Linda Van Hoecke/Kate Kuzmyak

i. Syndromic surveillance-

1. ED respiratory visits are coming down from week March 23-April 20th
2. RSV, RSV in children under 13, Influenza, and COVID all down
3. KS HAN: 3/21 MMR vaccination guidance including recommendations for early MMR dose on infants; 4/21 Additional Infant MMR vaccination recommendations
4. As of 5/7, Measles dashboard on KDHE website showed 48 cases, 1 hospitalization, 0 deaths, and 8 Counties with cases- *Case counts are provisional and may change as cases are investigated
5. Updated HAN alert sent out yesterday, 51 cases across state, 2 thought to be associated with International travel
6. US update: 1001 cases, 31 states-most cases age 19 or younger, almost all are unvaccinated or with unknown status, with 3 deaths

ii. Preventing Measles in Healthcare Setting

1. Key moments to prevent exposure

a. Before arrival (when scheduling by phone, signs outside facility)-sign available on KDHE Measles page (available in several different languages)

i. Try to collaborate with Emergency services

b. Check in/Triage (rapid ID of measles symptoms, provide patient with mask and isolate)

c. Patient care

i. Ensure HCP have immunity to measles

ii. Airborne and Standard Precautions

iii. Patient placement in AIIR when available

iv. Notify IP

2. Resources available from Nebraska ICP teams' measles resources for clinics, APIC measles playbook, and CDC's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Measles in healthcare settings

b. Public Health Liaison for MO

Cindy Calendar

i. KCMO health department update

1. Active respiratory season-seeing a sharp decrease in cases

2. KCMO CD cases

3. Animal bites increased from March to April, mostly seeing dog bites

4. Rabies PEP less in March

5. Measles update: International travel in several cases
6. Not at herd immunity in the KCMO area. Opportunities for vaccination
7. Suspect measles: Isolate immediately, NP or OP swab for PCR testing and serology
8. Only immune caregivers caring for the patient in the room, HCW should have 2 doses of MMR vaccine or lab evidence of measles immunity
9. Schedule suspect cases at end of day, notify locations that patient is coming to, ask them to wear a mask, make note of staff and patients who were in the area during the time the suspect measles pt was in facility and for 2 hours after
10. Train staff on how to identify measles patients

- c. Legislative Representative Amanda Ruff
- i. No updates on pending MO and KS bills
 - ii. HICPAC termination-guidelines archived on CDC's website

XI. Old Business Jessica Rindels

- a. Update on Not-For-Profit Status- waiting on letter from IRS to confirm our status
- b. APIC Microsoft 365 account is active-Watch for emails coming from ChapterInfo@gkcapic.org
- c. Chapter Day at National APIC Conference

XII. Wrap-up/adjourn Jessica Rindels

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 8th: Carpenter's Regional Council/Hybrid 1-3:30pm

- a. Speaker/Topic: Financial Award Recipient Presentations



Date: May 13, 2025 **Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm
Location: Carpenter's Regional Council/Hybrid

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