

Meeting Minutes - Delaware APIC Chapter 134

January 19, 2024

PRESENT: See attendees list

Topic	Findings, Conclusions, Recommendations	Action Items/ Responsible Party
1. Meeting called to order	Meeting was called to order by Beth Richardson at 0932.	
2. Membership	<p>You must be a new member of national APIC in order to join a local chapter as a voting member per national APIC bylaws. All others attending our local meeting are welcomed as guests.</p> <p>Information regarding membership is available from the APIC website, see APIC - Member Services. This link also has a template "justification letter" you can use to help persuade your employer to reimburse your membership - Justification Letter - APIC.org.</p> <p>This is our chapter's email address: apicfirstatec@gmail.com</p>	N/A
3. Review of Officers	<p>President – Beth Richardson President Elect – Carol Briody Secretary – Kathleen Hurford, VA Medical Center, Wilmington* Director of the Board – Davia McKoy Treasurer – Jeanne Thompson Additional Board Members – Kelly Gardner, Barb Robbins, Sam Noel, Vinny Mills, Holly Helmick, and Michelle Power</p> <p>*Kathleen Hurford volunteered to take on the position of secretary for the chapter. No opposition.</p>	N/A
4. Approval of Minutes	Approval of the minutes from the November meeting were deferred until March	All
5. Treasurer's Report	Updated report from our Treasurer was presented and accepted	Jeanne Thompson

<p>6. Reports/ Updates</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delaware Public Health Report Malikah Taylor updated the group on leadership changes in progress. The new DPH leadership team includes Division Director Steven Blessing, Shonetesha Quail, Deputy Director of DPH, Rebecca Walker, Deputy Director for Clinical Sciences, Awele Maduka-Ezeh, Medical Director, DPH, and Christina Farmer, Chief of Staff, DPH. See dphbulletin2402.pdf (delaware.gov) No updates on the changes in code that were sent out – next likely update will be in March 2024 at the next HAIAC meeting. Changes to Reportable Diseases should go out for public comments shortly, and are likely to be released in the Spring 2024. There is new Wastewater Epidemiologist – Ryan Hollingshead, Ryan.Hollingshead@delaware.gov 2. Healthcare Associated Infections – see Healthcare Associated Infections - Delaware Health and Social Services - State of Delaware Ann Stanton reported – the HAI 2022 report is now available, and quarterly reports are in progress moving forward. See Delaware Hospital Infection Reports - Delaware Health and Social Services - State of Delaware Ann also provided a brief summary re: carbapenemase-producing organisms, as well as <i>C. auris</i>. 3. Healthcare Preparedness Coalition - Healthcare Preparedness - DHSS 4. Covid Update and Influenza, RSV updates Sarah Czukiewski is the Respiratory Epidemiologist – she will be covering both Influenza and COVID – Sarah.Czukiewski@delaware.gov COVID - My Healthy Community (delaware.gov) Influenza - My Healthy Community (delaware.gov) Lisandra Clarke is now in the role of the Enteric Epidemiologist 5. TB Update - Delaware TB Statistics and Information New TB Epidemiologist – Kenneisha Whitaker 6. OIDE Update On behalf of Jill Austin, Davia provided updates on personnel recruitment for epidemiologist and nurse consultant positions. 	
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	<p>7. Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee (HAIAC), Kelly Gardner provided a brief update. Next HAIAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024 in Dover.</p> <p>8. Immunization Coalition - Delaware Immunization Coalition</p> <p>9. Hepatitis Aware - DelawareHep</p>	
10. Old Business	<p>Meeting schedule updates:</p> <p>HAIAC has moved to Wednesdays moving forward. Dates for 2024 quarterly meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 13, 2024 • June 26, 2024 • September 18, 2024 • December 11, 2024 <p>We also discussed moving our meetings to Wednesdays as well. This was approved. Moving forward, for 2024, our APIC meetings will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – short meeting prior to HAIAC, 0830 to 0920, Location: Edgehill Training Room, Dover • Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – full meeting, 0930 to 12 noon, Location: Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI), 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna DE 19977 • Wednesday, July 17, 2024 - full meeting, 0930 to 12 noon, Location: DHCI, 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna DE 19977 • Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – short meeting prior to HAIAC, 0830 to 0920, Location: Edgehill Training Room, Dover • Wednesday November 13, 2024 - full meeting, DHCI, 0930 to 12 noon, Location: 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna DE 19977 <p>In person and virtual options via TEAMS will be available.</p> <p>Thank you to Davia McKoy and our DPH partners for their support!</p> <p>Increasing Media Presence/Outreach</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An APIC flyer has been posted in the DHHS Providers newsletter that is managed by DPH's IDPC program – see Delaware Public Health Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (IDPC) Provider Newsletter To subscribe or reach out - contact Abigail Haycraft Abigail.Haycraft@delaware.gov 	
11. New Business/ Open Discussion	<p>Motion made to continue to utilize the talents and time of Cathy Hall as our Webmaster for 2024, and increase the stipend for this consultant position - no objections. Approved.</p> <p>DE DPH - Epichat hosted by our One Health Program Kathy Jo Robbins KathyJo.Robbins@delaware.gov To receive Epichat notifications, contact Reportdisease@delaware.gov Upcoming programs: March 21st Noon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lyme disease's epidemiology, geographic distribution, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment Tick prevention and control <p>Request for input regarding TB risk assessments prior to bronchoscopies performed outside of a negative pressure environment. Anyone willing to share their process please reach out to Carol Briody at ChristianaCare – cbriody@christianacare.org . DPH noted recent experience with patients done outside of a negative pressure environment who were initially assessed and found to be low risk, but ultimately ruled in for TB. Carol referenced the updated screening process that has come out of the recent cases involving <i>M. tuberculosis</i> in spinal graft tissue as a possible source for a screening protocol.</p> <p>APIC and Other Key Resources, Upcoming Items of Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APIC – Staffing Calculator - https://apic.org/apic-staffing-calculator/ and https://apic.org/news/apic-launches-infection-preventionist-staffing-calculator-to-help-healthcare-facilities-determine-ip-needs-and-improve-patient-safety/ TJC – New NHSN Group – required for hospitals and critical access hospitals – July 1, 2024 - https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/newsletters/newsletters/joint-commission-online/nov-1-2023/#:~:text=The%20Joint%20Commission%20identified%20the,Medicare%20%26%20Medicaid%20Services%20(CMS) TJC - Revised Infection Control Standards – go into effect July 1, 2024 - https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/newsletters/newsletters/joint-commission-online/jan-10-2023/ CDC HICPAC Isolation Guideline Revisions in Progress - https://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare/qa-hicpac-process-to-update-2007-isolation-guideline/?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_493- 	All

	DM114116&ACSTrackingLabel=Learn%20what%E2%80%99s%20next%20as%20U.S.%20updates%20its%20healthcare%20guideline&deliveryName=USCDC_493-DM114116 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRSA discussion – AJIC, ICT, comments from SHEA • APIC PolicyPro - PolicyPro FAQs - APIC • December 2023 – APIC Practice Guidance Tips – “10 Key Points the IP Needs to Know about AAMI” - https://apic.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FINAL APIC-AAMI-TOP-TEN.pdf • APIC Measles Playbook - Measles - APIC 	
12. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:17	

Respectfully submitted by Beth Richardson