

Meeting Minutes - Delaware APIC Chapter 134

July 17, 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 0930. Virtual meeting only.	
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>Discussed timing for Board meetings – suggestion for morning meetings versus other times. Question re: attendance requirement, frequency, etc. Will bring details to next meeting.</p> <p>Elections will occur in November 2024. Further discussion to be held at our business meeting in September.</p>	N/A
4. Approval of Minutes	March and May meeting minutes were approved and accepted as written.	All

5. Treasurer's Report	Updated report from our Treasurer was presented and accepted	Jeanne Thompson
6. Reports/ Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delaware Public Health Report 2. Healthcare Associated Infections – see Healthcare Associated Infections - Delaware Health and Social Services - State of Delaware Lajune Harris 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 and HAIannualreport2022.pdf (delaware.gov) A <i>C auris</i> in Delaware report to be able to be reported publicly by June 2024. <i>C auris</i> is now a reportable condition in the state of Delaware. (see https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/epi/files/CandidaaurisinDelaware2022to2023final.pdf for the report) ICAR program is still underway, targeting different healthcare facilities. 3. Healthcare Preparedness Coalition - Healthcare Preparedness - DHSS 4. Covid Update and Influenza, RSV updates 5. TB Update - Delaware TB Statistics and Information DPH presentation for school nurses re: TB planned for this summer. 6. Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee (HAIAC). Next HAIAC meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024 in Dover/ via Teams. A brief APIC Chapter 134 meeting will be held immediately prior to this meeting. 7. Immunization Coalition - Delaware Immunization Coalition 8. Hepatitis Aware - DelawareHep 9. Mollee Dworkin updated on emergency infectious disease activity A weekly EID report is available via e-mail – if you want to receive this, please contact Mollee at mollee.dworkin@delaware.gov ; Mollee noted that Karen Terazhagi is no longer with the office - Donna Doyle and Brittany Husk will be the points of contact until a new person is hired for the Emergency Preparedness program. 	

<p>10. Old Business</p>	<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"> • September 18, 2024 • December 11, 2024 <p>Future 2024 APIC meetings will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>No update on multichapter conference that was proposed by Meg Gilman, Chapter President, APIC Chapter 15 Delaware Valley and Philadelphia, earlier this year. We will provide updates as they are available.</p>	
<p>11. New Business/ Open Discussion</p>	<p>Congratulations to Chapter 134 members Meg Gilman and Keith St. John who presented at the APIC National meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday June 3, 2024 – Carbapenemase-producing Enterbacterales: an increasing risk in pediatrics. Meg Gilman, Nemours Children’s Hospital, Wilmington, DE • Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – Playing catch-up: what happened when I made the wrong call? Meg Gilman, Nemours Children’s Hospital, Wilmington, DE • Tuesday, June 4, 2024 Quality processes in the compounding pharmacy – Infection Preventionist role. Keith H St John, ECRI/SMP <p>Malikah, Davia, Kelly and Holly all attended in person. Beth attended virtually. We will share key take aways at our November 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Recent APIC/IP Topics of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic stewardship approach to CDIFF reduces unnecessary testing - https://apic.org/news/diagnostic-stewardship-approach-to-c-diff-reduces-unnecessary-testing/ 	<p>All</p>

- CDC Webinar on Avian Influenza Outbreak – July 16, 2024 2-3 PM EST.
https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2024/callinfo_071624.asp
- Recording of CDC Webinar re: Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Long-term Care facilities is now available – see this and other key resources for LTC from CDC here: [Implementation of Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Use in Nursing Homes to Prevent Spread of Multidrug-resistant Organisms \(MDROs\) | LTCFs | CDC](#)
- New from APIC: Keep Your Eye on Infection Prevention
APIC’s Communications Committee has developed a Quick Tips fact sheet on eye product safety. This tool includes helpful information for healthcare professionals and patients alike. See [Eye Product Safety: Keep Your Eye on Infection Prevention - APIC](#) for more information.
- APIC is asking for volunteers for Infection Prevention Retention Focus Groups. APIC is evaluating the high turnover rate in the IPC field and is forming focus groups to better understand reasons why IPs have (1) left the field altogether (2) moved to a different opportunity within the IP field (3) remained in your current role for over 5 years. We would love to hear from you and your friends, if you have transitioned to a new role within infection prevention in the last 3 years, stayed in your current role for over 5 years, or if you know someone who has left the field entirely! For more information, see [APIC IP Attrition and Retention Study \(office.com\)](#)
- WHO Needs Assessment Survey
The WHO is conducting a survey to understand needs related to receiving or providing training for IPC during public health emergencies among healthcare workers who have worked or provided training in fragile, conflict-affected, and low- to middle-income countries.
To respond to the WHO survey, see [customervoice.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=t8AQ9iS9OUuBCz3CgK-1kIzYR4FP-41Nqumr25Lz5CdUN1NQSIJSWkcxNFZNNWU5RNk4yVIVXTDNKNi4u&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Learn more&utm_campaign=COMMS %7C eNews %7C 6/28](https://customervoice.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=t8AQ9iS9OUuBCz3CgK-1kIzYR4FP-41Nqumr25Lz5CdUN1NQSIJSWkcxNFZNNWU5RNk4yVIVXTDNKNi4u&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Learn%20more&utm_campaign=COMMS%20eNews%206/28)
- Public Comment Period Opens for Draft 2026 FGI Facility Code
On July 1, the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) opened a 3-month public comment period for the draft 2026 FGI Documents for design and construction of hospitals, outpatient facilities, and residential health, care, and support facilities. The public comment period is open to all users of the FGI Facility Code Documents, and all revisions to the documents are available for public review. The public

	<p>comment period will close on September 30, 2024. FGI is requesting APIC members to review and provide comments to their 2026 documents. To provide comments, go to: Login FGI Proposal & Comment Portal (fgiguideelines.net) (you can create a free account and then complete the survey).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging Infectious Diseases - APIC has set up a clearinghouse of resources related to EID – various playbooks and other tools are available – see https://apic.org/emerging-infectious-diseases/ Upcoming APIC Webinars – see the APIC page titled Upcoming Webinars - APIC for more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging Staff Through Tangible Joy in Infection Prevention Practices. July 25, 2024 Creating a Revenue Generating Infection Control Program. August 7, 2024 	
12. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:17	

Respectfully submitted by Beth Richardson