



April 27, 2018
Location: State Lab
Spectrum Blvd, Tampa, FL
12-2PM
Meeting Minutes

Start time: 1207, end time 1355

Chapter Meeting Sponsor: GoJo Industries

- Tracy Clark gave a presentation titled Soap: An Important Part of Hand Hygiene, presentation was sent to BAPIC membership after the meeting.

Welcome:

- President Elect, Kim Atrubin welcomed attendees.

Minutes:

- Minutes were approved once one word is correct to read "recipient".

Presidents Report:

- Evening meeting discussed but will not be held this year unless there is a vendor who can sponsor a CE presentation and dinner and attendance is good.
- Volunteers needed to assist with the end of year Holiday gathering. Carolyn Perry and Stephanie Carraway volunteered.
- 3 Scholarships of up to \$1,500 each were drawn from a random drawing. Amanda Rutter, Maria Groskowiak, and Jyh Boyette were drawn. They have until December 31st to use the scholarships. Recipients must present education to BAPIC at the meeting following their educational offering.
- Please check your emails and discuss with your IT departments at your facilities placing the BAPIC leadership group on a safe sender list. Many emails do not seem to be going through, especially when minutes or other attachments are on the email. Many emails are "bouncing" back to the Secretary.
- Check the APIC website, upcoming educational offerings in Atlanta, Detroit & Conn.
- Discussion about expanding membership to SNFs, Nursing homes, etc. Discussion regarding some BAPIC funding to get the word out about this local support structure. Cintas's rep Angie attends local meetings of the FL Assisted Living Program (FAPA) and will forward the information to Kim and Cassie so leadership can figure out a way to communicate with them. Health Department members may also be able to provide contact information. It was later discussed to check the AHCA website for a list of all types of SNFs, RN homes, etc and use that to build a list of contacts.
- Some BAPIC funds may be able to be used for a Mentoring program, APIC supports this idea for new ICPs. If we meet the intent of APIC's mission, funding might be able to be used to purchase materials for the mentors.
- New Ready Reference has been published, 4th edition. \$39 for APIC members.

- APIC seeking positions at the national level, if you are interested, check the website, the positions start January 2019.
- Discussed how BAPIC funds might be able to be used for community projects such as the Great American Teach In. If there is interest, a subcommittee could be formed to standardize our message so that we can give consistent information to any school a BAPIC member teaches at and suggested the use of black light, etc.
- May 5th is World Hand Hygiene day and Sepsis Awareness day. There are posters available online.

Legislative Report:

- Val Henderson reports that the funding for HAI/CDC 2018 budget was increased for antibiotic resistance and National Allergy/ID. No reductions for other programs. APIC is collaborating with the American Thoracic Society on Domestic & International TB agendas. More info at APIC.org.

Treasurer's Report:

- Amanda Rutter reports that the 2018 conference was successful with \$34,000 in the bank at present. She and Stacy Martin consulted with Chrystal Edwards of APIC regarding the funds and maintaining the nonprofit status. Funds can be used if they are directly related to the purpose of APIC.

Department of Health Reports:

- **Hillsborough County:** Handouts given regarding arboviral season, testing fact sheet. Bleeding disorders noted with rat poison laced synthetic cannaboid. 2 cases in Hillsborough County, mostly has been in mid-west states. Report any cases ASAP to the health department. Noted increase in Hep A. Flu cases down.
- **Pinellas County:** Noted increases in waterborne illnesses. Salmonella typhii cases need stool cultures, not just blood testing. Sent information to providers regarding this process. Zika free testing ended in mid-December, providers can order through commercial labs. If there is an unfunded pregnant person, PCHD can still provide testing if there is strong suspicion. Discussed ICAR project that they have underway, funding has been extended to March of 2019.
- **Pasco County:** Hep A outbreak associated with Zephyrhills. Reportable 24/7 on diagnosis, need to track the cases and their employers right away for food handling risk factors. Working on vaccinating campaigns in the community and jail. Will outreach to the ERs regarding rabies vaccine process.
- **Polk County:** Flu better. National work group looking to forecast flu season and severity (sort of like the National Weather Service), wanted feedback if this was thought to be useful. Concerns raised about "crying wolf" if the ICPs receive a report that says that there is a strong chance the flu would be worse on week #X and if that does not happen that the hospital administrations may not take us seriously next time. Causes issues with productivity and staffing. Did discuss further after the meeting and discussed the possibility of linking flu type to severity and weeks may be of use. Noted outbreak of E.coli after 2 mission trips returned from Honduras. Also had a case of drug resistant PSA found on transfer from one hospital to another, all cohorted patients with source tested and none found to be positive. Polk hospital ICAR process is also ongoing, finding issues with hand hygiene, EVS services.
- **Florida Department of Health:** No report. Same issues as all prior reports.

Seminar Report:

- Conference will be held 1/18/19 at the Embassy Suites at USF.

Open Agenda:

- TGH shared that during a recent visit from AHCA due to a patient complaint, they were asked about their water plan and wanted documents. They also requested a report of all patients in the past year with pneumonia related to water borne pathogens, including CANDIDA, PSA and Acinetobacter. Peggy stated that they questioned these organisms as common pathogens they see patients from the community admitted with on a regular basis, was able to provide the report. They had to submit a process for review and determine what they would do if there was a problem with their water. ASHRE's documents state legionella at this time. Peggy submitted an action plan that includes reviewing for clusters of organisms, infections and potential for exposure to tap water. Peggy reminds membership to be prepared for these questions. There was no defined timeframe for the ASHRE guidance to be implemented but she suggests to be in the process and become prepared as this is something that may be scrutinized by any surveyor.

Next Meeting: NO JUNE MEETING DUE TO APIC

August 24, 2018 12-2pm; Pinellas County Health Department, 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo 33771 APIC attendees will be presenting topics of interest from the meeting.

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