

APIC Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter 003
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2015
Good Samaritan Hospital, 1225 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Chair and Board members present: Angela Vassallo MPH, MS, President; Past President; Mary C. Virgallito RN, MSN, CIC, Legislative Representative; Aileen de los Angeles, MPH, CIC, Treasurer; Jadaha Parks Chatterjee, BS, RN, CLE Chair, Events Committee; Jessica Silvaggio, MPH, Communications Committee; Patricia Marquez, MPH, Chapter Legislative Representative

Board member excused: Catherine Ngo, MPH, Secretary

Sign in sheet is appended to minutes for the list of membership in attendance.

| Agenda Items | Presenter | Discussion | Action/Resolution |
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| Call to Order | Angela Vassallo | Meeting called to order at 12:16PM | |
| Introductions | All | Introductions of members and visitors present | |
| Educational Presentation | Ebola Roundtable Discussion: Jessica Silvaggio and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Health Officer, Chief of the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program, Chief and staff of the Healthcare Outreach Unit | Jessica Silvaggio presented on her deployment to CDC to support the Ebola response. Some of her key points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data was gathered and maintained for each traveler traveling from one of the four Ebola affected countries (EAC) to the United States • Travelers first entered the US through one of the five designated airports • Travelers were screened by US Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection • Depending on the exposure assessment in the EAC, approximately 5% of travelers since October 2014 went through tertiary screening conducted by CDC • CDC notified states and provided data to states on each traveler who would spend 21 days in the respective state • CDC notified states using Epi-X notifications • CDPH informs Los Angeles County DPH of travelers who will stay in LAC for 21 days • To date, LAC has monitored 63 travelers (89% active monitoring) | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 95% of travelers were low risk, 5% were some risk• 11 hospitals indicated they would be willing to receive a possible Ebola patient (survey response rate: 50%)• LAC Preparedness activities completed with hospitals included emergency department visits and or walk throughs (45), Ebola Virus Disease drills (29), and Ebola Virus Disease policy and procedure review (34) <p>The presentation was followed by a roundtable discussion among LAC DPH and GLA APIC members. Transcription available upon request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundtable discussion centered around resources and ways to collaborate and capitalize on safety and resources for emerging infectious disease threats• Communication and collaboration with public health is key | |
| Vendor Presentation | Hygiena | <p>Fernando Mora presented on Hygiena's programs and technology.</p> <p>Discussed the differences between florescent markers and ATP testing. Florescent markers marks the area before it is clean and then after it is cleaned the area can be checked to make sure it was cleaned properly.</p> <p>ATP technology is bioluminescent. The point is to test something that has been cleaned. We use illuminator to do this. The tool comes with the software. It allows you to look at reports and trending.</p> | |

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| | | <p>Whenever the hospital buys one of the systems, Hygiena and the hospital discuss how to run the reports and how to establish baselines. What do the numbers mean and represent? When do I know if I need to re-clean? These types of questions are answered.</p> <p>The goal is to show their efficiency of removing a bio burden.</p> <p>Located in Ventura county. Hygiena offers free trials. They will implement the software and training to make sure it is a fit for the program.</p> | |
| Meeting Minutes | Angela Vassallo | Will start approving minutes electronically. Will receive them within the next week. Expect January meeting minutes. | |
| Treasurer's Report | Aileen Delos Angeles | No activity since January. Sent budget to Pam. Submitted 2015 budget and should hear back if there is anything to change. | Report approved |
| Public Policy | Patricia | | |
| Events Committee | Jadaha Chatterjee | Our first educational event is approaching. The event is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30PM Il Cielo. The presentation is p on transitions of care. Jadaha passed around a sign in sheet. We want to extend this invitation to our APIC members. We also want to expand our membership | |
| Communications Committee | Jessica Silvaggio/ Angela Vassallo | We are the first chapter outside of National APIC to create a Facebook and Twitter page. This is a great resource for emergency preparedness and as a way | |

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| | | <p>to communicate with one another.</p> <p>We are presenting at National APIC on social media. SHEA, IDAC and ID Week have Twitter accounts. We want to have a voice with IP and ID. National asked us to write a paper. Because of all of the events that happen, utilizing alternative methods like social media allows for people to still connect if they cannot attend the meeting. We are going to tweet from every event. Encouraging people to join the twitter chat. Please join if you haven't already joined. We started doing the alerts and Measles information on our website. This is posted on the main page of our website. Anything legislatively active is on the legislative page.</p> | |
| CIC review and Professional Development | Angela Vassallo | CIC review was not held. | |
| CACC | Angela Vassallo | <p>We are the only state that has a separate state chapter. We vote on budgets and activity. You are an ad hoc member of CACC and you have a voice too. The Measles outbreak has shown there is significant work about vaccination. We have been monitoring that and this topic may be a key focus on legislative day. We discussed legislative activity day. The members report to state capital. We meet in Sacramento later. We want you to come along. The intent is to make sure legislators know who we are, any legislation feeding out of that. It helps to build these relationships and meet in person with our representatives.</p> <p>The bill was near passage, if a nurse had soft tissue infection, the hospital would have been responsible</p> | |

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| | | for workers compensation. A small group worked closely with Katherine Lu to draft a response to the bill. The response discussed the difference between hospital acquired and community acquired MRSA. The legislation passed previously for another group. | |
| Open Discussion/ Roundtable | All | | |

Meeting adjourned at 2:37PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Silvaggio.