

General Board Minutes
April 21, 2009

Minutes
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Review of items Discussed by the Board in Agenda

- Reminder of the confidentiality of all information related to patient care by the President
- Next meeting is May 19- Please email D. Caccavale if you are going to attend APIC National
- Treasurer elect can not travel to National- will redirect her stipend to other applicants
- J. Padrone will receive Chapter leadership Award at APIC National in Ft. Lauderdale
- Chapter of Excellence Award 2010
 - We are planning to apply for the “Member Support and Outreach for Organizational Excellence” Award. As a result Committees have been reorganized in a format that mirrors the requirements.
 - Need all members input, it’s a shared responsibility
 - Need to know the individual activities our members perform in their communities.

Committee Reports

1. Treasurers Report

In summary, full report available for review:

- \$13,300 in general account
- \$500 in conference account
- \$10,000 in a CD
- J. Padrone and K. DeBenedetto will receive \$1000 for APIC National Conference

2. Acute Care

- GNYHA C Diff initiative- discussed bleach products, location of wipes
- members report problems with scrubs outside of the OR
- Still arguing benefits of chloropreps versus betadine
- Catheter tips still being sent inappropriately to lab for c/s
- MDRO contact precautions vary among institutions.

3. Long term care

- Update VIS statement for pneumococcal vaccine
- Quanteferon gold TB testing for clients on the near horizon
- Low flu activity so far for this season, some GI outbreaks
- Bedbugs from communities crossed into one facility

- Question of storage of clean supplies in environmental services closet

Announcements and Job Openings

Silent Auction

Job Openings

- Headhunter has 2 ICP's in Manhattan 1 in Acute and 1 in Clinic
- Per diem at Mt. Sinai
- LPN at St. Catherine
- FT at Winthrop

Public Health Announcements

ICPs must maintain infection logs and SSI data and must call other facilities even if out of state.

Public HAIR data due May 1

C Diff Reporting Required July 1

NYSAAC Report

- ICPs encouraged to contact local legislators to help advance Infection Prevention in the Community. ICPs need to be vocal in publications such as *Advance and Spectrum* to get the message out there.
- Be reminded that providers for the NYS Mandated Infection Control Course must renew every 6 years.
- Low flu activity reported
- Low sentinel event reporting 59 this year (282 last year)
- Norovirus outbreak in western NY at a hotel for 3 weeks
- Hemodialysis Outpatient Problems
 - 5-08 gross conditions in a warehouse type operation in Brooklyn. Hep C transmitted to 3 known patients. Center closed, fines imposed, operating license removed
 - 1-09 back of dialyzing machine bolted, hiding internal valve that was contaminated- Hep C transmissions investigation in progress