

ICNC
12/4/14 MEETING MINUTES
WILLIMANTIC BREWING COMPANY, WILLIMANTIC CT

12:30pm Call to order

Introductions

-Welcome Carli from New London rehab!

Treasurers report:

Financial information reviewed

Next month dues are \$38 for the year. Please bring payment to the next meeting or contact Nancy Jarvis.

Outbreaks

-No Outbreaks reported yet

Review of last months Ebola news and coverage.

-Currently some companies and hospitals are asking ALL visitors and patients (at each pint of contact) about travel outside the U.S.A.

- This is all voluntary and DPH considers it overkill. No regulation requiring it.

Influenza

-Next month we'll be talking about Influenza so please bring in any policies and outbreak packets that you have from your facilities for review

-CDC advisory seen stating that this year's flu is less sensitive to the vaccine, so a higher incidence rate can be expected, but the vaccine is still effective in decreasing mortality rates.

Survey

2 sites with surveys this month

-No infection control issues

Speaker Maureen Williams from DPH to talk about TB control

- The overall incidence of TB has steadily decline over the last three years
- This past quarter New London county has seen an increase in cases making them medium-high risk
- Just because your county is no longer "low-risk" doesn't mean you have to automatically start doing annual TST's again. A further algorithm can be used. Speak with your local TB control agent.
- Utilize the algorithms found in the MMWR TB report from 2005 if you don't already have your own corporate algorithm
- Regarding positive converters to TST; If it has been previously established through chest x-ray that a person has a positive TST reaction without active TB, they should be surveyed using a symptom review. In addition, there is no longer a specific time period (ex: every 3 years) in which they need another chest x-ray. If

they begin to show symptoms or have increased risk factors, then another chest x-ray can be performed.

Next meeting:

January 9th 2015 at 9:30am

Harrington Court

59 Harrington Court

Colchester , CT

2:45pm Meeting adjourned, Happy Holidays everyone!!!!