

ICNC NEW HAVEN CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 15 May, 2015

Connecticut Valley Hospital- Merritt Hall, Middletown, Connecticut

1. Lunch was served and the meeting called to order at 12N. Members present were: Mary Cellela, Lori Dutko, Kim Gray, Ann O'Dea, Christine Orris, Raeannee Paparello, Beth Samuels, Melody Solano, Donna Wade and Mary Dalton.
2. Pharmacists Christine Kane and Jay Patel representing Connecticut Valley Hospital provided a presentation on new Vaccine Guidelines. (see attached handouts). It was noted that the older the person receiving a vaccine, the less the immune response. Guidelines on administration of the Prevnar13 and PPSV23 vaccines were discussed with minimal times between administering the vaccine. Refer to cdc.gov and 'full prescribing information' for specific issues of concern. -----The administration and storage of Zostivax was also discussed. It was noted that 1 in 3 persons over the age of 50 are at risk of getting shingles secondary to contracting chicken pox as a child. Anyone with an allergy to gelatin or neomycin should not receive this vaccine (see patient information prior to receiving/ administering this vaccine). At age 60, there is a 70% efficacy and at age 70 it decreases to a 50% efficacy to the vaccine. 50 to 60 year old patients illicit a better response. Medicare and Medicaid are reimbursing for this vaccine. Because of the storage/ refrigeration requirements most facilities/ physician offices are not administering this vaccine. Many pharmacies are administering the vaccine.
3. The seminar planning committee discussed specific issues with those in attendance. Next year's seminar will be held on April 15, 2016 at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT.
 - Topics proposed were: 'A Glimpse into NHSN (National Healthcare Safety Network) and what it means to LTC facilities', 'Regulations and the Environment', 'Cleaning and Disinfecting and the Environment', 'Survey Preparation' with Karen Taylor, 'Survey Readiness'
 - It was decided that a speaker would be presenting after lunch vs. a Table Top presentation.
 - Proposals that the Chapters make some scholarships available to those members that DO NOT have their facilities pay for the seminar.
 - The committee would look into providing CEU's for those attending the seminar.
 - Christine Oris volunteered to be in charge of the name/ meal tags.

- Time frames were set for the day: 7:30 to 8 would be registration. 8:15 introductions and 8:30 the first speaker. 12:30 to 1:30 Lunch and raffles and the seminar attendees would be out by 3:15
 - It was proposed there be an end date to register. Attendees have attended with the assumption that their facility had paid the registration fee and it was never paid. A confirmation of payment was proposed to assure all attendees have paid. Continued discussion on this issue needs to be addressed.
4. Raeann Paparello presented the Treasures Report. There is \$9412.00 in the New Haven Chapter Treasury at this date.
 5. Donna Wade volunteered to take on the responsibility of Corresponding Secretary. This was unanimously approved. Mary Dalton will continue on as recording secretary.
 6. It was noted that all facilities need a 'UA Waiver' from the state to discontinue ordering UA's on admission.
 7. C-Diff is only treated with antibiotics if the resident is symptomatic. As C-Diff can shed after the acute symptoms have been resolved, obtaining stool specimens post antibiotic treatment to verify treatment is effective are not indicated as they will most probably continue to be positive. Probiotics and diet may be addressed post antibiotic treatment when the symptoms have resolved.
 8. The next meeting will be held on Friday June 19, 2015.
 9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dalton RN, IP