

Infection Control Nurses Eastern Connecticut Chapter

December 6, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The December meeting/luncheon was held at the Willimantic Brewery on December 6, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 11:30am.

Members Present: Nancy Gillies, Nicole Loving, Kristen Rodman, Richard Giguere, Gail McGuinness, Kathleen Brennen, Faith McMahon, Carol Jordan, Kris Magnussen, Winnie Salvador and Marsha Murphy.

Congratulations to Anessa Paul on her new baby! We will see her again in March.

Good luck to Carol Jordan who is relocating and on the verge of a new adventure! We will miss you!

Treasurer Report: \$15,000

Survey Activity: Many facilities experienced their survey. Most are reporting a 4-day length of survey. Some key findings: hand hygiene during meals, glucometer testing/cleaning policies and competencies.

Outbreak Activity: None reported

New Business:

With the continuing decline in membership throughout all of the chapters whether it be staffing changes, or the inability or unwillingness from Administration to send members to meetings, there has been discussion at the Board level. Some findings/ideas are that there needs to be more over-sight of funds—it is too much responsibility for one person. The idea is to take the burden off the very few who are willing to volunteer their time, and create a centralized organization to help support CT. There may be a move in the future to have a quarterly meeting, where all of the chapters will be invited, and perhaps invite DPH to present at the beginning of the meeting,

making facilities more apt to send a member. These quarterly meetings could host informational seminars for example the NHSN process—especially as we embark on 2019 and THE FINAL RULE we hear so much about, but really need a better understanding in the actual process.

Our next meeting will be held January 10, 2018 at Mystic HealthCare at 9am. The address is 475 High St. Mystic, CT. We will continue the discussion on 1. Centralized Funding and 2. Quarterly Meetings. Please bring any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Majewski