

**ICNC NEW HAVEN CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, 18 September, 2015
Connecticut Valley Hospital- Merritt Hall, Middletown, Connecticut**

1. President Lori Dutko called the meeting to order at 12:30PM. Those in attendance were: Mary Ceella, Linda Clark, Mary Dalton (recording secretary), Kimberly Gray, Ann O'Dea, Raeann Paparello (co-president/ treasurer), Melody Solano, Paula Simpson, Karen Taylor, Donna Wade (corresponding secretary), Judy Wrenn and Christy Gilbert.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (19 June, 2015) were reviewed. A correction was made in regards to seminar planning. Karen Taylor will be doing a presentation on 'Survey Readiness' not on the 'National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)'. The minutes will be amended as discussed. Judy Wrenn made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Kim Grey seconds the motion. All in attendance accepted the minutes as amended.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented by Raeann Paparello. Lori Dutko made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ann O'Dea seconds the motion. All in attendance accepted the report as presented.
4. Lori Dutko reminded all in attendance of the password to enter the ICNC website 'members portal'. The password is 'ICNC-DIP2016'. She referred to the many articles and resources available to members. One resource discussed was "Infection Prevention Role Stress, A New Look at the Underlying Causes Within the Profession".
5. Lori stated that at this time there are 25 members of 'ICNC, New Haven Chapter'.
6. It was decided that Donna Wade would send the minutes of the meetings to all the members as soon as she receives them and then again just prior to the meetings with notice of the Agenda/ presentations scheduled. She will send an updated ICNC, New Haven Chapter membership list and contact information also.
 - As many Infection Preventionists also share the responsibility of Staff Development, Donna will send meeting notifications from the 'Education Consortium'. At this month's meeting they are having a presenter on 'INTERACT'. Kelly Mercer continues to be the contact person. Kelly's email is kmercerc@marywade.org.
 - As a side note, it was noted that all mandatory inservices, including 'Infection Control/ BloodBorne Pathogens', must be presented yearly (no more than 12 months apart).
7. Lori told members present, Beth Samuels will need to resign from the Seminar Planning Committee due to a recent diagnosis of throat cancer. New Haven chapter will send

flowers from the group. Beth can be reached at the blog 'CaringBridge.org/bethgoestoyale' or her personal email 'bethsamuels@gmail.com'.

8. Discussion ensued regarding purchasing two resource books from APIC: "The APIC Certification Study Guide" and "The Infection Prevention Manual for Construction". Lori made a motion to purchase both manuals. Melody seconds the motion. All in attendance agreed to purchase both manuals. Raeann Paparello will bring them to each meeting for members to review as needed.
9. Raeann brought the following resources (Handouts) to those members present: 1) An APIC info article: 'What is Sepsis?' 2) From the CDC website: "The Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes", 'Appendix A', 'Appendix B' and The 'Checklist'. She also reminded all present of the problem of 'Super Lice'.
10. Karen Taylor brought a copy of 'The Changes to CMS Proposed Rule Ideas for Topics to Comment on to CMS'. Under **New staffing requirements** there is a recommendation for 'specialized training in infection prevention and control' for the designated IP.
11. A discussion ensued regarding the requirement for a yearly *consent* for 'flu' vaccine administration. It was noted a specific *consent* is not required. However, documentation is required that the resident (or POA/ family member) is offered yearly education regarding administration of the 'flu' vaccine.
12. Survey Results/ Survey Concerns were discussed. Current survey issues discussed were:
 - Pneumovax and Flu vaccine administration. Pneumonia vaccine administration was not specific to PPSV23 or PCV13 at this time unless your specific policy addressed this.
 - The MDRO list was reviewed for accuracy/ updated by the surveyor.
 - Isolation/ Precautions in effect was scrutinized. An 'Infection Prevention and Improvement Audit Tool' was presented to those in attendance to address issues discussed during the most recent survey. A facility was cited for not re-stocking the supply cart at the end of each shift (as the policy stated).
 - Med Pass administration was addressed. A facility was cited under 'infection control' for the nurse dropping a tablet to be administered on the residents "johnny" and scooping it up and giving the dropped tablet to the resident.
 - Wound Care and observation of a dressing change was done on survey. Pressure ulcer prevention devices and Care Plans were reviewed for compliance.
 - Environmental round issues found nail polish remover in a shared resident's room (hazardous chemical storage) and monistat cream found in a shared resident bathroom that the resident stated she had been using (self-administration/ storage).
 - Wheelchair positioning specific to the foot rest was addressed.

- Contenance documentation in the resident's record and on the MDS did not match the resident's actual status.
- A discussion regarding resident's family actually taking the trays/ plates off of the meal cart. It was agreed that a staff member be present to monitor this.
- Discussion regarding resident's individual glucometers kept at their bedside. It was agreed that they do need to be cleaned after each use and tested daily.

13. The next meeting will be November 20th. Donna Wade will look into getting a speaker and check if the meeting could be held at the Whitney Center.

14. The next Seminar Planning Committee meeting will be held at Lori's home on October 15 at 6:00PM. Members of the committee are Raeann Pararello, Lori Dutko, Melody Solano, Donna Wade, Ann O'Dea, Mary Celella, Kim Gray Karen Taylor, Mary Dalton and Chris Oris. Potential speakers were discussed.

15. Donna Wade made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Karen Taylor seconds the motion. All in attendance agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dalton RN, IP