

**ICNC NEW HAVEN CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, 16 September, 2016
Whitney Center, Hamden, CT**

1. Lori Dutko called the meeting to order at 12:35PM. Those in attendance were introduced to the assembly (see attached sign-in sheet).
2. At 12:48PM Presenter Lauren Backman RN, MHS was introduced. Her presentation provided an “Overview on Conducting Infection Control Assessment and Readiness Site Visits in CT Long Term Care Facilities: 2016–2017” (see attached Handout). Areas emphasized:
 - Discussed the role of the Connecticut DPH HAI Program onsite educational visits.
 - Qualidigm to sign up 30 facilities for HAI Program. Approximately 20 facilities have signed up so far.
 - Focusing on education/ training and documentation of competencies
 - NHSN reporting is time consuming. 2018 is potential start date for LTC.
 - At this time 26 hospital summary reports are to be completed and then the ‘Blast Faxes’ will go out to LTC for volunteers.
 - Urgent Care Centers, Pharmacy Clinics and SurgiCenters are not regulated and are not addressed under this program. They are licensed under the provider.
3. The minutes of the last meeting 20 May, 2016 were reviewed. Beth Samuels made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Melody Salano seconds the motion. All in attendance agreed.
4. Raeann Paparello gave the treasurers report. She reminded all present the dues for 2017 are \$40 and due in October. The money in the treasury is designated for Infection Control Education and may be used for active members attending Infection Control related seminars with the membership consent.
5. Karen Taylor will be attending the IPSNE (Acute Care and Long Term Care) conference November 2, 2016 in Rhode Island.
6. The next seminar will be held on April 7, 2017 and will be the responsibility of the Hartford Chapter.
7. The updated membership portal password is ‘TwCf\$Ci%’
8. The Education Consortium meets quarterly at the Jerome Home in New Britain, CT. Anyone interested in joining may email Kelly Mercer at kellymercerc@marywade.org.

9. CMS and HSN are recommending Infection Preventionists become IP certified. Lori Dutko has a copy of the 'APIC Certification Study Guide' in our library for any member that may be interested.
10. Discussion ensued on increasing Infection Preventionist's hours to accommodate the required workload. No provisions or regulations have been made to date.
11. The next meeting will be on 18 November, 2016. The corresponding secretary will print out the HAI forms and email them to the members prior to the next meeting. Potential speakers were discussed
12. Mary Dalton will resign as recording secretary effective 18 November 2016. A new secretary will be elected on that date and will resume the responsibility of taking meeting minutes.
13. Carolyn Caccone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Green seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dalton RN