**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.**

**San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter 057**

**Minutes for July 8, 2020**

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| **TOPIC** | **PRESENTER** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/ASSIGNMENT** |
| 1. Call to Order | Karen Pardoel | TIME: 1100 |  |
| 2. Recognition/Introductions | Group | New attendees: Kai Bryant- Biopatch  Survey sent out to ask for member input on Bard keeping positions through the next year. Results were over 90% support for Board remaining in current roles. By next year will have better vision of what the new normal looks like for connection and networking. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work it is a testament to all the IPs, great job | Information only |
| 3. Minutes | Group | No minutes approval occurred for March minutes | Need to approve at the next meeting |
| 4. Unfinished Business |  | No report |  |
| 5. New Business | Karen Pardoel | Long Term Care Conference scheduled for 7/7/2020 at Spectrum is cancelled for this year.  CIC goal this year is a 5% increase in certifications  Tracy will present CBIC recertification information she received from Roy (past CBIC president).  Chapter of excellence: Jarrod has application but has not started it yet  Annual Conference at South Coast Winery for September 25 is cancelled  Review community service projects, highlights:   * Ronald McDonald house- with current community restrictions related to COVID will check to see if there is anything possible at a later point this year. * Next Fisher house toiletry donation on hold since we have no meeting, might be able to arrange a drop off or donations |  |
| 6. Treasurer’s Report | Megan Medina | Report attached. Highlights: Review February- June  Seed money for APIC foundations $700 will be returned  Chapter paid for Lunch for February meeting  Deposits made to South Coast Winery for annual Conference- moved deposit to next year; Inland Empire Chapter is paying half of the deposit.  Mutual fund showed a loss, hopefully will start to rebound soon. No income this month. Payments for South Coast Winery. |  |
| 7. Membership | Karen Pardoel | 94 members were reported full active status. 41 CIC and 16 associate members. 17 members have recently lapsed (12 full active, 4 CIC, 5 associate members) |  |
| 7. Education Report | Jarrod Becasen | Support Awards for the 2020 recipients will roll over to 2021  There will still be some awards available in 2021.  Discussion on consideration that we have no income this year, may result in a fewer number of education awards offered.  CIC study group cancelled- all speakers were cancelled. Please access the webinars that were provided by Jarrod in the past. | Board will review awards plan end of 2020 |
| 8. Social Committee | Sheri Morgan Chair | Tom Ham’s Harborview Room is booked for our Christmas lunch party December 9, 2020. If deposit is rolled over to 2021, we won’t’ loose the deposit. | Vote on roll over deposit: opposed none |
| 10. Nominating Committee | Karen Pardoel | If positions became available will be short list of positions |  |
| **11. Updates** |  |  |  |
| 11.2 CACC Meeting |  | No report |  |
| 11.3 Legislative report | * Sherri Cummings | APIC 2020 [www.cqrcengage.com/apic/home](http://www.cqrcengage.com/apic/home) can use this link to sign up for legislative updates via email from APIC.  Some actions include by APIC include:  4/29- encourage federal state and local government rely on local experts before easing restrictions  May- letter to support legislation that would create loan, forgiveness programs for public health workers to encourage their recruitment.  June - Global Health Council statement which expressed concerns regarding the United States Government decision to terminate relations with the World Health Organization.  -FDA notification: Hand sanitizer with methanol (wood alcohol). Methanol is a substance that can be very toxic when absorbed through the skin or if ingested it is life-threatening. The agency is aware of adults and children ingesting the hand sanitizer products contaminated with methanol, and they have seen adverse events, including blindness, hospitalizations, and deaths. Methanol is not an acceptable active ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used, because of the toxic effects. On this update, there is a list of 17 companies that they found him ethanol in their hand sanitizers and interestingly all of them were located in Mexico.  -There is a concern for a drop in childhood vaccinations that began in March. The rate is still below what it should be  CA Assembly Bill 2537: which is about personal protective equipment in health care. The existing law requires that an employer furnish unemployment and a place of employment that is safe and help health all for the employees And to establish and maintain an effective injury prevention program as prescribed. An amendment to the bill would require that an employer supply personal protective equipment to employees who provide direct patient care in the hospital. Also that the employer will ensure that the employees are using the personal protective equipment applied to them. It also would mandate that an employer maintain a stockpile of unexpired personal protective equipment in the amount equal to six months of normal consumption. It also would mandate that an employer maintain a stockpile of unexpired personal protective equipment in the amount equal to six months of normal consumption. And if an employer does not comply with this, they will be audited by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and if they violate to maintain a supply of unexpired personal protective equipment, they will be assessed the civil penalties up to $25,000 for each violation. I know we have all struggled with our PPE and hopefully in the future we will be a little bit more proactive and ensuring that we have the have the needed PPE for these pandemics, which I'm unfortunately probably this, will not be the last. |  |
| 11.4 HAI Liaison report | Tracy Lanier | Novel Coronavirus update:  There are two calls IPs should be listening to /participating in. Tuesday 8 am CDPH call and Thursday Skilled Nursing Facility call. Contact Tracy and she can provide the information if you h don’t already have it.  There is some transmission (COVID) are occurring we've been focused on through our program, more on skilled nursing facility. That's sort of the higher mortality and morbidity mortality rate. That's sort of the higher mortality and morbidity mortality, Currently hiring more staff for the HAI program. The plan is to get up to eight additional staff. Currently there are two open positions. Congratulations to Maggie Turner who is now part of the HAI program. |  |
| 11.5 HAI Advisory report | Tracy Lanier | See HAI Liaison report |  |
| 11.6 GERM report |  | No report |  |
| 12. Long-Term Care |  | No report |  |
| 13. Pediatric Care | Sondra Lintz  Charlyne Neder  Megan Medina | Less COVID cases in pediatric population. Impact is mostly to our staff in relation to COVID cases and exposures. |  |
| 14. Ambulatory Care |  | No report |  |
| 15. County Epi | Grace Kang | Thank you form Grace to our whole group. We are requesting a large amount of medical records and there is large amount of new staff. If there are any miscommunications glitches or challenges, let Grace know. Healthcare workers are permitted to go to work if your facility determines that you still need to come in even if the County says the at the HCW needs to quarantine.  SDCPH added Dr. Chen who came from Sharp system as the physician counterpart to Grace. Team has been promoting a lot of infection control in skilled nursing facilities and other residential facilities they have been going outside and providing guidance help then with any infection control opportunities they identify. The County HAI program is now about a year old. Grace appreciates all of the advice and guidance and support that you all have provided.  County data at CoronavirusS-SD.com   * The triggers dashboard shows the current data that will affect the county re-opening plan. * Most concerning on the dashboard is the number of community outbreaks increase to around 20 per week. * Also monitors ICU capacities. |  |
| 14. Other announcements, questions, comments | Group | Surveys: JC, CDPH  Discussion on Joint Commission suspending their surveys, but then started up again in June as virtual  Facilities have had a CMS survey for COVID:  Palomar, UCSD and Paradise Valley; all went well |  |
| 15. Adjournment | Jarrod Becasen | TIME: 1130 | NEXT MEETING: TBD |