

## APIC DFW 2025 Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

<b>Facilitator</b>	Gaby Perez	<b>Date</b>	4/3/2025	<b>Time</b>	13:00-15:00
<b>Location</b>	Teams	<b>Minutes prepared by</b>	Ashley Bychkowski		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
<b>1. Education</b>	<p>CE Presentation: Sharon Ward-Fore, BS, MS, MT(ASCP), CIC, FAIPC “From Fingers to Fomites”</p> <p>Copy of presentation will be available on the APIC DFW website under Meetings -&gt; Previous Meetings -&gt; April Education Session and Chapter Meeting</p>	
<b>2. Opening</b>	<p>Thank you to our speaker, Sharon Ward-Fore, BS, MS, MT(ASCP), CIC, FAIPC</p> <p>Welcome to our first-time visitors and guests! 110 virtual attendees</p>	
<b>3. Meeting Minutes</b>	March 2025 Business Meeting – Posted on website	
<b>4. Vendors</b>	Thank you to GOJO Katie Vonachen and Metrex Jane Gabalski	

**5. New Business**

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Location</b>
1/9/2025	Hybrid- Baylor Scott and White Medical Center Plano
2/6/2025	Virtual
3/6/2025	Virtual
4/3/2025	Virtual
5/1/2025	<b>Hybrid-Tarrant County Health Department</b> <b>With Meet up after!</b>
	<i>June No Meeting</i>
7/10/2025	Virtual
8/7/2025	Hybrid-Methodist Richardson Medical Center
9/4/2025	Virtual
10/24/2025	Conference: Lone Star Park
11/6/2025	Virtual
12/5/2025	Holiday Gathering: University of North Texas Health Science Center

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL IP DAY April 4, 2025:

<https://apic.org/news/celebrate-annual-international-ip-day-with-apic/>





	<p>Region 2/3 Public Health Report</p> <p>Ameera Khan: Measles outbreak DSHS website updated biweekly. The number of cases reported as of Tuesday, 4/1 is 422 cases linked directly with the West Texas outbreak. The median age is 6 years old with majority of cases not up to date on vaccinations.</p> <p>In Region 2/3 we have had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One case in an unvaccinated individual associated with international travel (Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam). Patient transported to hospital via private vehicle.</li><li>• One adult case in Erath County with no international travel. Genotyping showed D8 which is being observed in West Texas outbreak. It is likely this person is linked to the outbreak, but an epidemiological link was not identified. Patient has unknown vaccinated status.</li><li>• Two pediatric cases in Eastland County with no epidemiological link to West Texas outbreak or international travel. Both are unvaccinated children and siblings to each other.</li><li>• One case in Brown County associated with West Texas outbreak they were partially vaccinated (received one dose of MMR). Patient traveled to outbreak area two weeks prior to rash onset.</li><li>• One pediatric case in Collin County associated with international travel to Vietnam. Patient completed infectious window in Vietnam.</li></ul> <p>DSHS has worked with local health departments to identify and notify all exposed individuals for the cases above.</p> <p>DSHS has received report of post Measles PCR results following a recent MMR vaccination which is within the 45 days of receiving the vaccine. Currently all the specimens are being sent for genotyping and have resulted in vaccine strain. Its important to note that the transmission of the vaccine virus doesn't occur from a vaccinated person even in those that develop a rash as the viremia is too low. The person-to-person transmission of a vaccine virus has never been documented, and no special precautions such as exclusion from school or work need to be taken.</p> <p>Measles RNA PCR is the preferred testing. RNA PCR is most successful on day of rash up to 3 days after onset. RNA PCR can still be successful as late as 10-14 days after rash onset but collection prior to rash onset can result in false negative results.</p> <p>If your lab has not previously submitted to the DSHS Lab in Austin, we encourage you to reach out to get set up for submission. Specimens sent to DSHS Lab must be approved by public health prior to submission.</p> <p><u>If you have suspicion of measles in your facility, reach out to your local health department or Region 2/3 immediately by phone.</u></p>	
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	<p>Sarah Work: Healthcare professional (HCP) recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure HCP are considering Measles as a diagnosis especially when presenting with symptoms like fever, generalized maculopapular rash lasting over 3 days and rash is beginning at the hairline and progressing down, 3 C's (cough, conjunctivitis, or coryza), or Koplik spots. It's especially important to consider Measles for those that have traveled abroad or have had contact with a known case.</li><li>• Ensure you have documentation of presumptive evidence of immunity for all HCP including those that don't provide direct care such as EVS or dietary. Presumptive evidence of immunity includes documentation of 2 doses of live Measles virus, live evidence of immunity, lab confirmation of disease or birth before 1957. However, during outbreak situations, HCP are still advised to receive two doses of vaccine regardless of their year of birth.</li><li>• Ensure appropriate PPE (NIOSH approved respirator) and Airborne Precautions signage is available</li><li>• Suspect cases should be masked and remain in car if appropriate.</li><li>• Have designated spot to triage suspect Measles cases for inpatient and outpatient</li><li>• Ensure AIIR are functioning properly and staff know how to check that it is functioning correctly when in use</li></ul> <p>APIC DFW Website: Gaby Perez and Therissa Grefsrud Found at same web address, lets learn together Call for a webmaster</p> <p>50 Years of APIC DFW Celebration, join the planning committee! Founding date is May 6, 1976! Signup Genius coming! <a href="#">APIC DFW: APIC DFW 50 Year Celebration</a></p> <p>Reminders: APIC National Conference Registration Open Now APIC Election Results: <a href="https://apic.org/apic-election-results/">https://apic.org/apic-election-results/</a></p>	
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	<p><b>APIC Election Results</b></p> <hr/> <p>Congratulations to the winners of APIC's recent election! These newly elected candidates will begin their terms in January 2025:</p> <p><b>President-Elect:</b> Kathy Ward, RN, BSN, MPH, FAPIC, CIC</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Lisa Caffery MS, BSN, RN, Med/Surg-BC, CIC, FAPIC</p> <p><b>Directors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aimee Baerlocher, MPH, CIC, FAPIC</li> <li>• Kristina Felix, MSN, RN, CRRN, CIC, LTC-CIP, FAPIC</li> <li>• Chaz Rhone, MPH, CIC, FAPIC</li> </ul> <p><b>External Director:</b> Ellen Taylor, PhD, AIA, MBA, EDAC</p> <p><b>Nominating &amp; Awards Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamara Behm, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, CER, CCSVP, OQIA, CAIP</li> <li>• Maureen Spencer, M.Ed, BSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC</li> </ul>																					
<p><b>6. Board Report(s)</b></p>	<p><u>2025 Chapter Officers &amp; Board of Directors:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="428 708 1453 881"> <tr> <td><b>Immediate Past President</b></td> <td><i>Stephanie Kreiling</i></td> <td><b>Board Member #1</b></td> <td><i>Shannon Simmons</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>President</b></td> <td><i>Gaby Perez</i></td> <td><b>Board Member #2</b></td> <td><i>Sharon Holmes</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>President-Elect</b></td> <td><i>Therissa Grefsrud</i></td> <td><b>Board Member #3</b></td> <td><i>Thi Dang</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secretary</b></td> <td><i>Ashley Bychkowski</i></td> <td><b>Board Member #4</b></td> <td><i>Kim Walker</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Treasurer</b></td> <td><i>Kim Sutton</i></td> <td><b>Treasurer-Elect</b></td> <td><i>Steven Stewart</i></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<i>Stephanie Kreiling</i>	<b>Board Member #1</b>	<i>Shannon Simmons</i>	<b>President</b>	<i>Gaby Perez</i>	<b>Board Member #2</b>	<i>Sharon Holmes</i>	<b>President-Elect</b>	<i>Therissa Grefsrud</i>	<b>Board Member #3</b>	<i>Thi Dang</i>	<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Ashley Bychkowski</i>	<b>Board Member #4</b>	<i>Kim Walker</i>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Kim Sutton</i>	<b>Treasurer-Elect</b>	<i>Steven Stewart</i>	
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<p><b>7. Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p><i>As of January 31st, 2025</i></p>																					

<b>Jan 31st bal for March report</b>	
<b>as of 1/31/2025</b>	
<b>Opening Balance, checking</b>	<b>\$21,908.89</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,579.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,640.13</b>
<b>Closing Balance, checking</b>	<b>\$21,847.88</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$24,163.22</b>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$50,540.06</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,551.16</b>

<b>8. Committee/SIG Chair Updates</b>	<b>Awards</b> <i>Demi Smockiewicz April Sutton</i>	<b>Nominating</b> <i>Jami Calloway</i>
	<b>Conference</b> <i>Sheila Gasperek Anne Mattem Katharine Hoffman Kathleen Hartless Terri Goodman Loan VanAuker</i>	<b>Professional Advancement</b> <i>Matthew Nelson</i>
	<b>Education/Program</b> <i>Loan VanAuker</i>	<b>Vendor Liaison</b> <i>Johnny Saldierna</i>
	<b>Government Affairs</b> <i>Mary Lavis</i>	<b>Member Engagement</b> <i>Loan VanAuker Teri Mauldin</i>
	<b>Historian</b> <i>Idaresit Umoh</i>	<b>Surveillance SIG</b> <i>Katie Davis</i>
	<b>National Liaison</b> <i>Kim Strelczyk Stephanie Kreiling</i>	<b>Mentoring</b> <i>Calvin White Chuck Monney</i>
	<b>Community Standards</b> <i>Rachel Watson</i>	
	<p>Jami Calloway Nominating Chair: Look out for Willingness to Serve if you are interested. Three board positions and secretary will be available. Please see operating policy for more information on positions.</p>	
	<p>Therissa Grefsrud Conference Committee: Save the date for our conference October 24<sup>th</sup>!</p>	
	<p>Mary Lavis GAC Chair: March 2025 report reviewed. Please see March 2025 GAC report for further details.</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Take Action</b></p> <p>✓ APIC GAC wrote a letter supporting vaccination, and that is currently being reviewed by APIC national to ensure it's aligned.</p> <p><b>We need you to use your voice...</b></p> <p>CDC's HICPAC is under consideration for elimination. Please write to your federal policymakers to let them know how important HICPAC guidelines are to IPC practices in your facility and your state. <b>Numbers matter – the more messages Congress and the Administration get from their constituents the more they pay attention.</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"><p>Scan the QR code to send a letter!</p></div> <p></p> <p>Katie Davis Surveillance SIG: NHSN training was canceled and is postponed until further notice</p> <p>Loan VanAuker Member Engagement: Trivia</p>	
<p><b>9. Open Forum/ Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting Information:</b> May 1st, 2025 – Hybrid with meetup after! Please see website for further details.</p>	
<p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 15:00 More details can be found on our webpage – <a href="http://www.apicdfw.org">www.apicdfw.org</a></p>	