Date: June 2013

Committee: Public Policy Committee

Chair: Patty Gray, RN, BAHSA, CIC

Vice Chair: Annemarie Flood, RN, BSN, CIC

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Purpose of Committee: The APIC Public Policy Committee (PPC) monitors and prepares input into legislative and regulatory issues affecting the practice of infection prevention and control. Experience as a chapter legislative representative or chapter president is helpful. Members of the APIC Regulatory Review Panel are tapped to assist the PPC with comments to regulatory agencies as needed. Members of this panel are previous members of the PPC with keen understanding of the federal regulatory process.

Items for Board Consideration/Vote: N/A

Recent Deliverables:

Regulatory:
- Meaningful Use Stage 3 recommendations from HIT Policy Committee – commented to the ONC on proposed recommendations
- Antiseptic preoperative skin prep products – responded to FDA questions on how to address microbial contamination of preoperative skin preparation products

Legislative:
- Function 550 – letter to Congress with allied organizations in support of public health funding
- Advanced Molecular Detection and Response to Infectious Disease Outbreaks (AMD) initiative - funding letter to Congress with allied organizations
- Support CDC funding FY 2014 – letter to Congress with allied organizations in support of funding for the CDC for fiscal year 2014.
- Provided guidance on a CDC/CSTE policy document related to communicating possible HAIs across healthcare settings
- Federal funding for infection prevention programs in FY 2014 – joint testimony with SHEA to U.S. House and Senate to support joint priorities
- Federal oversight of compounding pharmacies – submitted comments to U.S. Senate on draft compounding pharmacies legislation
- Support NHSN and Prevention Epicenters funding – APIC coalition letter and advocacy effort to Congress in support of NHSN and Prevention Epicenters funding

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Other:
- Eblist to all U.S. APIC members on highlights of the April NHSN e-newsletter (Emphasis on indicator definition clarifications and additions)
- HICPAC coordination with the Practice Guidance Committee
- NQF coordination with the Practice Guidance Committee
- Three new members added to the Public Policy Committee: D. Kirk Huslage, Mary Alice Lavin, Mary Virgallito.
- New Government Affairs Associate: Laura Evans

Short term initiatives:

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<td>Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System in FY 2014 – preparing comments to CMS</td>
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<td>Advocating for federal funding for infection prevention programs – preparing advocacy materials and meeting with legislative staff to increase federal funding</td>
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<td>Promote use of Advocacy Toolkit in Chapters</td>
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<td>Develop overview document of payment penalty and incentive programs for federal HAI reporting requirements.</td>
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<td>Increase collaboration with APIC representative to National Quality Forum to share information on relationship between regulations and NQF measures.</td>
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<td>Expand coalition in support of APIC advocacy efforts around data standardization.</td>
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Please indicate which strategic goal as part of Strategic Plan 2020 that each initiative supports using the following abbreviations: PS = Patient Safety, IS = Implementation Science, CC = Competency and Certification, PP = Advocacy/Public Policy, DS = Data Standardization

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