Date: January 2013
Committee: Public Policy Committee
Chair: Patty Gray, RN, BAHSA, CIC
Vice Chair: Annemarie Flood, RN, BSN, CIC
Staff liaison(s): Lisa Tomlinson, Nancy Hailpern

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:

- Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASCs), End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel – commented jointly with SHEA on Phase II modules of the HHS National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Payment system – commented jointly with SHEA to CMS on a proposed rule
- Unique device identification (UDI) for medical devices – commented to the FDA jointly with the Advancing Patient Safety Coalition in support of implementing such a system
- End-stage Renal Disease Prospective payment system – commented to CMS on a proposed rule
- Hospital Outpatient, ASC, and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment Systems – commented to CMS on a proposed rule
- Physician Fee Schedule – commented to CMS on a proposed rule
- Long-term care – commented on this draft Phase III chapter of the National Action Plan to Prevent HAIs
- Acceleration and expansion of FDA actions to curtail overuse and misuse of antibiotics in food-producing animals – joint letter to the FDA Commissioner Hamburg supporting such action with the Keep Antibiotics Working Coalition

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Legislative:

- Oppose termination of AHRQ – joint letter to Congress with the Friends of AHRQ Coalition
- NY legislation requiring certification of central service technicians – Letter to Governor Cuomo of NY in support of state legislation
- APIC Voice for Infection Prevention State Legislative Advocacy toolkit delivered during October 2012 IIPW and advocacy training held in California
- GAO report on unsafe injection practices in ASCs – worked with Alliance for Injection Safety to request report and make experts available

Other:

- Eblast to all U.S. APIC members on new NHSN definitions

Short term initiatives:

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<td>Stage 3 of meaningful use – working with SHEA and CSTE on comments to HHS Office of National Coordinator for HIT</td>
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<td>Antiseptic preoperative skin prep. products – preparing comments to FDA</td>
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<td>Working with staff to respond to follow-up on questions from end-of-year Government Affairs webinar: 902 participants/approx. 70 questions</td>
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<td>Work with coalition partners to stress importance of infection prevention in preventing outbreaks related to contaminated medication</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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