

# PICNet

## Provincial Infection Control Network – BC “Debugging Healthcare Together!”

Hi All,

Hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful, relaxing summer. PICNet remains busy with some exiting new developments and projects on the go.

### **PICNet Needs Assessment Process – Moving ahead**

The final draft of the Needs Assessment entitled “Assessment of Infection Control Activities in BC” was presented to the Provincial Medical Services Committee (PMSC) by Dr. Elizabeth Bryce on July 13, 2006. The committee’s response was very supportive and has approved removal of "draft" and release of the document. The final document has been sent to the VP’s of Medicine from each Health Authority and to the chairs of the Regional Infection Control Committees.

The next step will be to present the findings from the report to key individuals within each Health Authority with specific details included from the data collected. Also the full report will be made available to all our stakeholders through the PICNet web site at [www.picnetbc.ca](http://www.picnetbc.ca).

### **PICNet Priority and Planning Committee (P&P)**

This newly formed group within PICNet has now met twice and it actively working on behalf of the PICNet stakeholders to chart the course of PICNet projects over the upcoming year. The responsibilities of the committee include:

- Receiving and triaging requests for action on behalf of the PICNet Steering Committee (SC).
- Recommending project tasks consistent with the vision/mission of PICNet and the annual objectives set for it, by the SC.
- Appointing working groups with the requisite skill sets for project tasks. Each working group will develop a recommended plan of action and report back through the designated lead for respective projects on P&P.
- Monitoring implementation of the approved plan and reporting to SC on the status and final outcome
- Interfacing with other groups, as required.

The appointed members of the Priority and Planning Committee are:

- Bonnie Henry, PHSA (Chair)
- Janice DeHeer, IHA
- Joanne Archer, NHA
- Colleen Hawes, FHA
- Felicia Laing, FHA
- Leslie Forrester, VCH

## **Seasonal Febrile Respiratory Illness Outbreak Prevention and Control Guidelines**

- This project is moving ahead at *lightning speed* thanks to the efforts of the group leader Valerie Schall and the many folks who volunteered to participate. The group first met on July 21<sup>st</sup> to agree on how to take this project forward and to form subgroups that will tackle specific parts of the guideline.
- The entire group will come together for a full day face-to-face meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> at BCCDC.
- Working group members include: Deanna Hembroff (NHA); Tracy Lanier, Nicki Gill, Digby Horne, Kimberly Leslie (IHA); Larry Gustafson (FHA); Bev Dobbyn, Louise Cossgrove, Pam Kibsey, Dan Costello (VIHA); Linda Adam, Linda Poirier, Louise Holmes, Linda Kingsbury, Patty Daly, Donna Lawrence (VCH); Bonnie Henry, Jacquie Hlaji, Darlene Spence, Mel Krajden, Bruce Gamage (PHSA); Joyce Tobo, Debra Connell (BC Government).
- Please contact Bruce Gamage ([bruce.gamage @bccdc.ca](mailto:bruce.gamage@bccdc.ca)) or Valerie Schall ([valerie.schall@bccdc.ca](mailto:valerie.schall@bccdc.ca)) if you have any questions.

## **Communications Leadership Group**

The Communications Leadership Group held its first meeting at the end of July. Janice DeHeer has agreed to be chair. The group is tasked with taking forward the recommendations of the ad hoc communications working group from last fall. This will include refining and implementing the communication plan that was presented at the Stakeholders Summit in December 2005 and the development of editorial guidelines for the PICNet web site. The first goal for this group will be to begin the vital work of reviewing and updating the web site – as this is PICNet’s “store front”.

## **PICNet HR Committee**

The PICNet management office is pleased to announce the creation of a Human Resource (HR) committee. This group will assist in the selection of staff/contractors engaged by PICNet. Group composition is as follows:

- 1 Infection Control Expert & PICNet Stakeholder representative: Louise Holmes,
- 1 Manager, Health Authorities: Jeff Stott
- 2 PICNet Management Office representative: Co-Chair(s) and/or Coordinator and/or Consultant and/or Admin (composition dependent on competition)

Any questions please contact Margaret Litt at [Margaret.litt@bccdc.ca](mailto:Margaret.litt@bccdc.ca).

We also want to remind our stakeholders that the PICNet Management office is actively looking for an energetic person to take on the position of **Administrative Officer** (the job description is posted on our website). The position closes for applications on **August 4, 2006**. Please forward the job description to anyone who may be interested in this position.

## **Webber Training Debrief**

Since February 2006 the Provincial Infection Control Network of BC (PICNet – BC) has hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedule1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other healthcare

professionals worldwide. The charts below list the topics of interest, the outlines, the name and affiliation of the presenters, for the upcoming teleclasses in the month of August.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic of Interest:</b>	<b>Teleclass Outline:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006</b>	<b>The Spectra of a Flu Pandemic - Is it Inevitable?</b>	Dr. Lance Jennings is a worldwide authority on influenza, particularly Avian Influenza. He authored several WHO guidelines and other documents dealing with H5N1 Avian Influenza and will present the most current knowledge on this topic. This teleclass will be broadcast live from the New Zealand National Division of Infection Control Nurses conference in Christchurch New Zealand. The recording of the lecture will be rebroadcast on the New York Bridge Line later the same day.	Dr. Lance Jennings, Canterbury District Health Board
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006</b>	<b>How to Assess Risk of Disease Transmission When There is a Failure to Follow Recommended Disinfection and Sterilization Principles</b>	This teleclass will examine the mechanisms of pathogen transmission through environmental surfaces and medical devices, and will discuss how to evaluate the relative risk of infection if these surfaces and devices are not properly decontaminated.	Dr. Bill Rutala, UNC School of Medicine

### **New Opportunities within PICNet**

Coming this fall the PICNet Management Office will coordinate offering wider access to the BCCDC Grand Rounds to our stakeholders. These sessions are held every Friday (except for a summer hiatus). Access will be via teleconference/videoconference depending on the availability of technology in your facility. Watch for announcements of upcoming rounds on the PICNet web site at [www.picnetbc.ca](http://www.picnetbc.ca).

### **Upcoming PICNet Meetings**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
Steering Committee		September 12
Surgical Site Surveillance WG	August 24 (Co-chairs only)	TBA
FRI Guidelines WG	August 10	
Priority and Planning Committee	August 24	September 22
Communications Leadership Group		September 13

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