

# PICNet

## Provincial Infection Control Network - BC

Hello Everyone,

### Third Stakeholder Summit

Remember the date for the Third Stakeholder Summit is **June 21, 2006**, so mark your calendars today!

### Interim Report

The PICNet interim report is available for your viewing on the PICNet website ([www.picnetbc.ca](http://www.picnetbc.ca)). It is located at the bottom of the page in the "About Us" section. This is a key document which summarizes all the accomplishments of PICNet to date and highlights next steps for the network. Please give it a read.

### Webber Training Debrief

Over the month of February the Provincial Infection Control Network of BC (PICNet – BC) hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other healthcare professionals worldwide. The chart below lists the topics of interest, the outlines, the name and affiliation of the presenters, for upcoming teleclasses in the month of March.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Teleclass Outline:	Presenter:
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006	<b>Voices of CHICA</b>	Features Board members and other guests of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association of Canada (CHICA-Canada) in a discussion of the activities and plans for that organization.	CHICA board members
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	<b>Pandemic Influenza, Outlook and Planning</b>	A World Health Organization perspective on the issue of pandemic influenza. It will specifically look at human illness and transmission of H5N1 avian influenza, and the global prevention and control strategies.	Dr. Stephano Lazzari, World Health Organization
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2006	<b>Leadership in Healthcare and Infection Control</b>	Just who is in charge here? The vision for healthcare seems to change with every political gust. This teleclass will identify what is required for leadership in our healthcare facilities and in our infection control departments	Barry Dore, Consultant, BD Change Solutions
Mar 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	<b>Critical Care Design in the Future: The Good the Bad and the Ugly</b>	Understanding ICU design considerations and priorities - discuss the accommodation of portable hemodialysis in acute care - discuss the challenges of negative pressure isolation rooms	Karen Iverson, University Health Network, Toronto

PICNet's role as a host is to bridge the lines between interested participants within in the province to Webber Training. PICNet has asked the cooperation of these interested participants to gather as a group in a single area, to listen to the teleclasses. This ensures improved sound quality by reducing the amount of single participants dialing in and also allows more participants to join as the amount of lines available are minimal. Each group has elected a lead to represent such a group. The list below outlines the organizations, the leads and their members.

Organization		Lead	Members (known to date)	
Providence Health Care		Jim Curtain	Bev McCarthy Mary McNaughton Gayle Shimokura	
MDS Metro		Jennifer Heal	Dr. Micheal T. Kelly Dr. R. Susan Roman Dr. Colette Pienaar Dr. Jasmine Ahmed-Bently	
Children's and Womens		Marney Hunt	Rita Dekleer Bonnie.Anderson	
Northern Health Authority	Regional Manager	Joanne Archer		
	Prince Rupert	Deanna Hembroff		
	Terrace/Kitimat	Kathryn.Vandermeulen		
	Prince George	Jody.Peterson		
	Fort St. John	Bernada.Clarke		
	Dawson Creek	Brenda.DeVuyst	Samantha.Dakin	
VIHA	Comox - St. Josephs Hospital	Annette Davis		
Fraser Health Authority	Surrey – Surrey Memorial Hospital	Scott Henwick	Coralis Still Yaz	
Interior Health Authority		Sherri Lampman	Ed Chan Lynden Lehman Pam Smith	
BCCDC	Vancouver	Johanna Ledesma	Margaret Litt Bruce Gamage Julia Kingsbury Bonnie Henry Linda Hoang Gloria Prystupa Epid. Environmental Resident Ja Kim Yasmin Kurji	Annie Mak Fawziah Marra Susanne.Moadebi Catherine.Mok Louanne.Ohlhauser Ciro.Panessa Sion.Shyng Kim.Soltysik Cora.yee Dorcas Lau

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### **Needs Assessment Project Update**

Data collection for all components of the Needs Assessment is wrapping up. Our thanks to everyone who helped us complete this task! As a token of PICNet's appreciation, the Steering Committee offered each Health Authority the opportunity to send additional staff to the upcoming SHEA and/or CHICA conferences. All individuals who worked on the Needs Assessment were flagged in a letter sent to the VP's of Medicine, on February 17, 2006, offering PICNet's assistance. Those individuals approved for funding will be notified in the next few days.

We now proceed to the analysis stage of the Needs Assessment. PICNet has hired an epidemiologist, Monali Varia, to assist us in the analysis of the resource and surveillance data. Monali has worked locally, provincially and federally as an epidemiologist and is very familiar with nosocomial/infection control issues. As well, Chris Corbett will be assisting PICNet with an analysis of the standards, policies and guidelines piece. As a reminder, the Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) members will review all the results from the analysis<sup>1</sup> stage. Then a final report will be prepared by the working group and tabled with the PICNet Steering Committee and the Provincial Medical Services Committee prior to wider dissemination in the spring of 2006. We expect that this needs assessment will provide PICNet and the Health Authorities with a valuable picture relating to the status of infection control activities within the province and will compliment the current review by the Auditor General.

If you have any questions on any of the information discussed above, please feel free to contact:

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<sup>1</sup> All personal/organizational identifiers from data will be removed prior to viewing by the NAWG. CSCW will code the regions and sites and the co-chairs and PICNet Management Office will hold the "code".