

PICNet

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

Hi All,

Summer is ending and PICNet is moving into its next phase of activity – Full Steam Ahead!

New PICNet Management Office Staff

The Provincial Infection Control Network of BC is happy to announce that a new Administrative Officer has been hired!! Sarah Pugh is PICNet's new Administrative Officer. “Welcome Sarah!”

PICNet Needs Assessment Process – Moving ahead

As the summer draws to a close we have much to update you on with regards to the Needs Assessment Working Group.

First, as most of you know, we presented the highlights from the Needs Assessment report to the VPs of Medicine on July 13, 2006. The VPs were very impressed with the document and recommended that the term "draft" be removed and it be circulated to the Chairs of each Health Authority's infection control committee. This provides an opportunity for the Chairs to review the document and disseminate it to their colleagues prior to broader circulation of the report by PICNet in a few week's time.

In keeping with PICNet's commitment to share information and facilitate collaboration across the province, key findings from the Needs Assessment Report are being presented to each Health Authority. The following outlines the schedule for these presentations:

VIHA - September 1, 2006
FHA - September 6, 2006
IHA - September 14, 2006
NHA - September 25, 2006
VCH – October 4, 2006
PHSA – TBA

As you will remember, the Needs Assessment Report ("An Assessment of Infection Control Activities Across the Province of British Columbia") included a number of *Key Findings* and made *Recommendations* based on those findings that were initially identified and later validated by PICNet's Stakeholder's at the Third Stakeholder Summit. In an effort to ensure that these *Recommendations* are addressed, PICNet's Project Priority and Planning Committee (PPPC) has asked the Needs Assessment Working Group to continue to work together to address the priorities identified in the report.

Seasonal Febrile Respiratory Illness Outbreak Prevention and Control Guidelines

- Much of the work for this project was completed over the summer months. There is still much to do, but the group is well on its way to having a great document ready for the end of the year.
- The group met last on August 31st. In order to have better representation from PH nursing and OH, the following experts were invited to work with the group: Felicity Hemming (CD Nurse Coordinator from FH), Marg McLaughlin (OH Nurse from FH) and Chun-Yip Hon (Occupational Hygienist for UBC hospital). Dr. Eva Thomas (Director of Infection Prevention and Control for PHSA) has also joined us to help develop the diagnostic testing section.
- The group is now working on a third draft and will meet for a final time at the end of September. Once completed the third draft will go to the PICNet Steering Committee for review and then to the broader community of practice.
- Please contact Bruce Gamage (bruce.gamage@bccdc.ca) or Valerie Schall (valerie.schall@bccdc.ca) if you have any questions.

Communications Leadership Group

The Communications Leadership Group will meet in September with a focus on web site redesign. The goal is to rework the content of the site to reflect priorities and areas of interest identified by PICNet stakeholders. The web site itself has been successfully migrated to a new service provider. With the new company we are looking forward to keeping our web site informative, user friendly and up-to-date. Sarah, our new Administrative Officer will be working within the PICNet Management Office to maintain the site.

Surgical Site Infections Surveillance Working Group

The vision statement of the SSI working group is "To provide a framework for a standard method of surgical site infection surveillance and reporting that can be applied according to the needs of acute care hospitals in BC." Members of the working group will be meeting on September 20th to review the initial drafts of the Strategic Plan and the Business Plan for this framework. The key elements include recommendations for an integrated system that provides provincial coordination of surveillance set-up, training and data quality assurance for a minimal data set while engendering Health Authority ownership and implementation of facility-based surveillance programs. The final reports will be submitted to the Steering Committee by October.

Webber Training Debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet has 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 charts below provides an overview of the upcoming teleclasses in the month of September.

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Presenter:
September 14th, 2006	Disinfecting Soft Goods	Dr. Curt White Aegis Environments USA

September 19th, 2006	Implementing the National Decontamination Programme in the UK	Peter Hooper UK
September 20th, 2006	SARS Experience in Singapore –What can we learn?	Dr. Chris Wynne Christchurch Hospital New Zealand

PICNet Annual Report and Phase II Project Charter

The PICNet 2005/2006 Annual Report has been released and posted to the PICNet Website at www.picnetbc.ca As well, PICNet's Phase II Project Charter is now in final draft, and will be released following review by the steering committee.

Upcoming PICNet Meetings

Meeting	September
Steering Committee	September 12
Surgical Site Surveillance WG	September 20
FRI Guidelines WG	September 27
Priority and Planning Committee	September 28
Communications Leadership Group	September 12
Needs Assessment Working Group	September 26

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