

# PICNet

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

### PICNet welcomes over 90 delegates to the PICNet 2007 Educational Conference

PICNet was pleased to welcome over 90 delegates to our 2007 Educational Conference, held at the Radisson President Hotel in Richmond, BC, May 3-4th. This successful event brought together members of our wide-spread community of practice from across the province, and we were delighted to welcome national guests to this year's event as well.

The morning sessions highlighted PICNet's current work and achievements over the last year, including updates on all of our working groups and committees. Thursday afternoon was the first of PICNet's interactive educational sessions on the theme of surveillance, with Dr. Bonnie Henry, Felicia Laing, Leslie Forrester and Karen Hope facilitating. On Friday afternoon, Linda Kingsbury, Dr. Elizabeth Bryce, Gordon Burrill and Dr. Karen Bartlett facilitated informative and engaging presentations and discussions around infection prevention and control in construction. For the first time, this year's event also included exhibition tables, with 17 exhibitors from across the country in attendance. Posters and “Showcasing Excellence” tables were also on display, highlighting some of the important work being undertaken in infection prevention and control around the province. Thank-you to all of our exhibitors and sponsors for your attendance and support.

PICNet's Management Office is currently working on compiling a conference report, which will be posted on our web site. Pending approval from speakers, all presentations will be posted as well.

A special thank-you goes out to our Conference planning committee: Darlene Spence, Tracy Lanier, Joanne Archer, Janice DeHeer, Cathy Munford, Linda Adam, Bernada Clarke, Bruce Gamage and Sarah Pugh. As well we wish to thank our PICNet Steering Committee Co-chairs, Drs. Elizabeth Bryce and Judy Isaac-Renton, for all their hard work in making this year's conference a success.

Finally, we would like to offer a sincere thank-you to Margaret Litt for all her initial work in organizing the event. Her enthusiasm, energy, and commitment have been instrumental in the overall development, growth and successes of our network. Margaret has recently moved on from PICNet, and we wish her all the best in future endeavours.

## **PICNet Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) Guidelines Working Group: An Update**

The group held a face-to-face meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Since the initial meeting of the ARO working group, Fern Davey was contracted by PICNet to perform a literature review and create a summary document on AROs to use as a reference when creating the guidelines. The literature review is now complete. Thank-you to Fern Davey, for her very comprehensive work in putting the summary document together.

Sub-groups of the ARO working group have been created to address specific sections. The ARO group is pleased that contractor Phyllis Stoffman, BSN, MHSc, has agreed to take on the writing of the guidelines. The next meeting of the group will take place in June (date to be determined).

## **PICNet *Clostridium difficile* Surveillance Working Group: An Update**

The *Clostridium difficile* Working Group also met face-to-face on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this meeting, Leslie Forrester presented two versions of data flow diagrams, and the group discussed the next steps in the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) process. IMIT consultant Praveen Johal presented a proposal for a feasibility and recommendations document, which was approved by the group and sent forward to PICNet's Steering Committee for further discussion and approval. The Steering Committee approved the proposal as well, and Praveen Johal will be moving forward with this work. The group will continue to work on moving the project through the steps of the PIA process, and will meet again in early June (date to be determined).

## **Communications Leadership Group: An Update**

The Communications Leadership Group (CLG) met on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The group is currently undertaking a page-by-page content review of the web site to ensure that it is up to date, accurate and relevant. The group will reconvene next month with their findings, and changes will be made from the PICNet Management Office. The next meeting of the CLG will be held in mid-to-late June (date to be determined).

## **Project Priority and Planning Committee**

The Project Priority and Planning Committee (P3) met on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and discussed a number of new proposals for projects for PICNet's 2007-2008 fiscal year. The committee recommended that one of the upcoming projects be moving forward in the creation of a set of Community and Home Health Care Guidelines. The P3 Committee also recommended extending the terms of reference/time frame for the Antibiotic Resistant Organism working group and the CDAD working group. The work of PICNet's Needs Assessment Working Group culminated with the release of the document, "Framework for Staffing and Core Competencies Training Designed for Infection Control Programs" and, therefore, the P3 committee voted to officially disband the group. Similarly, the Surgical Site Infection working group has been officially disbanded. The work produced by this group, the proposal for the "Surveillance of Healthcare Associated Infections Program for British Columbia" (SHAIP-BC) is with the Ministry of Health for review and response.

## Webber Training debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet 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 health care professionals worldwide. The chart below provides an overview of the upcoming teleclasses in the month of April.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic of Interest:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>
May 8, 2007	<b>Panton-Valentine Leukocidin Producing <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></b>	Adam Brown and Brenda Dale
May 10, 2007	<b>Infection Control in the Dialysis Clinic</b>	Dr. Charmaine Lok, University of Toronto
May 17, 2007	<b>Ethics of Care During a Pandemic Crisis</b>	Dr. Eric Wasylenko, Calgary Health Region
May 24, 2007	<b>Importance of Vaccination Among Dialysis Patients</b>	Dr. Matthew Arduino, CDC
May 31, 2007	<b>Evaluation and Management of Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Nursing Homes</b>	Dr. Chesley Richards, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta

## PICNet May Meetings

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
ARO Working Group	May 2
CDAD Working Group	May 2
Communications Leadership Group	May 9
Ad-Hoc International Planning Committee	(TBA)
Project Priority and Planning Committee	May 3

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