

## *Urgent/Emergent Issues Work Group*

PICNet Stakeholder Summit

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# Work Group Members

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## UEWGW: Goal

- To develop and test the processes for PICNet to be involved in managing healthcare associated infection prevention, surveillance and control issues in BC

# UEWVG: Objectives

1. Establish criteria to prioritize project opportunities and/or requests in an objective standardized manner
2. Take on one or two high priority issues, develop protocol and the process for approval and implementation
3. Develop a position paper on the possible roles of PICNet in an Emergency in BC

## What did we do?

- Met face-to-face once (1/2 day)
- Numerous e-mail discussions and teleconferences

# What did we accomplish?

- Developed a tool for objectively prioritizing projects/issues
- Used the tool to prioritize 8 issues that were referred to us
- Established an Ad Hoc WG to address top priority issue
- Working on second Ad Hoc group
- Developed process for ‘deliverables’ to be developed and approved by PICNet

# What did we accomplish?

- Recognized the ‘risk’ relating to authority to issue guidelines, standards etc.
- Developed position paper on PICNet roles in an Emergency
- Participated in all Steering Committee meetings and collaborated with other WGs to move PICNet ahead.
- Still have our day jobs!

# Ad Hoc CDAD WG

- Surveillance for *C. difficile* associated Disease (CDAD) identified as top priority
- Established Ad Hoc group (14 members geographical and professional representation) and prepared “straw dog” working paper
- Had a day long workshop to review section by section

# Ad Hoc CDAD WG

- Prepared a discussion document that summarized the issues reviewed
- Several issues were ‘parked’ as more a research focus
- Draft protocol developed, revised, reviewed, revised and reviewed again
- Sent to UEWG for review and discussion

# Ad Hoc CDAD WG

- Revised and covering letter drafted for Steering Committee
- Sent to Steering committee for endorsement...sent back for broad comment first
- CDAD protocol sent to PICNet broad membership for review

## Ad Hoc CDAD WG

- Comments received and final revisions completed
- Back to Steering Committee for endorsement
- Hope for implementation in at least some HAs in Dec/early Jan.

## Next Steps

- CDAD a good test for the system
- Process still need to be defined
- Will morph into one of the  
PICNet Standing Committees

**“Even if you are on the right track,  
if you don’t keep moving you can  
still get run over ”**

Dr David Butler-Jones

**Questions?**