**IPAC BC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 19 April 2023  
**Time:** 1300 – 1500 hours  
**Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**Join on your computer or mobile app**  
[LINK to IPAC BC Chapter Meeting]

| 1.0 | **Lunch & Network:** Virtual meeting |
| 2.0 | **Call to order**  
**Land Acknowledgment:** We acknowledge our colonial past, that we live on the homelands of many first nations and that I am conducting this meeting on the unceded traditional homelands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. I am grateful for their stewardship of this land and its resources. I acknowledge the existence of institutional racism and its persistence in healthcare delivery to first nations’ peoples in B.C.. I pledge to be mindful of these inequities in access to quality care, to make a difference whenever I can and to influence my colleagues to eliminate injustice and to reconcile our past treatment of first nations’ people.  
**Attendance:** Rita Dekleer VCHA; Jacquie Hlagi VCH; Ted Pincock VCHA; Shayan Shakeraneh PHC, Allyson Hankins VCH; Laureen Blanco VCH; Farwa Amira PHC; Helen Thuong VCH; John Blemonte, PHC; Kurt Kuminski VCH; Manish Patel, Niagra Falls; Tania Dearden, VCH; Robyn Hunter VCH; Munira Murji VCH, Lauren Kim VCH; Noorsallah Esmail PICNet; Rachel Cheung VCH; Annena Vadakkath Sasidharan; Bernice Chan VCHA; Edwin Tunod VCHA; FH; Tanis Nelson FHA; Swas Narayan FHA; Erin Bissell VCH; Cecilia Lui VCH; Youf Kaliwal PICNet; Ramnik Singh FHA; Lesley Feltmate VGC; Sabir Hossain PICNet; Edwin Tunod VCH; Stephanie Burniston PICNet; Sherly Boddu PHC; Sanji Chetty VCH; Katie Huynh VCH; Yosuf Kaliwal PHSA; Viviane Franson FHA; Jeevan Jaswal IHA; Dinu Kuttamparambi NHA; Clare Barry Toronto; Inder Sidhu-FHA; Jef Jurgenheit AMG, Jessica Bauer NHA; Sabbir Hossain PHSA; Karmjit Kaur Sandhu FHA; Dian Thom VFHA; Sandra Dunbar Metrix; Manjinder Gill FHA; Debora Giese NHA; Clyde Scollan BC Regional Council of Carpenters; Katherine Sunderland PHSa; Ayka Ibrahimova VCH; Bernice Chan VCH; May Tang VCH, Carolyn Goss VCH; Clyde Scollan; Dgiese; dthom1; Emily Aubry; Glenn Pineda VCH; Inder; Jef Jurgenheit; Shayan Shakeraneh; Cecila Lui; cmah5 Emily Aubry; Farwa Amiri; Manish Patel; Marian Kabatoff; Matthew Garrod; May Yacya; melody Ni; mgill, mpowell; Scott; Tammy; Michelle Parkinson, Gord Platt |
| 3.0 | **Introductions & welcome**  
Welcome to all new members of IPAC Canada’s BC Chapter |
| 4.0 | **Approval of last IPAC BC Chapter meeting minutes**  
Minutes from February 8, 2023, IPAC BC Chapter Meeting available @ |
5.0 Review of Action Items Feb 8/23 meeting

5.1 Social Media:
Action: Information Session provided by Social media Expert Kelsey Houston, ICP
UHN: 💌 @ipacuhn,

Follow-up: No members have expressed interest in working to develop a social media presence for IPAC BC Chapter.
Next steps: Call for Membership vote:
• Do we want to strike a working group to move this forward: Yes or No
• Working Group terms of reference to follow if members vote: Yes

5.2 Central Mailbox for IPAC BC Chapter: Please continue to communicate with Executive through our Chapter email: IPACBC@ipac-canada.org

5.3 Change in timing for Chapter General Meetings: to second last Wednesday of the month in which meetings are held.
Question: Does second last Wednesday of month work for members?
Response: No objections tabled

5.4 Actions related to IPAC Conference: will be reviewed during Conference Update

6.0 Additions to the agenda: NONE

Approval of agenda: Approved

7.0 Standing Items

7.1 IPAC Canada update

- **2023 National Education Conference**: will be held in Vancouver from May 28-31, 2023. Registration now open. Members can click HERE to access Registration Home Page

- **Funding opportunities**: Scholarship application deadlines have passed. If you have questions, visit IPAC Canada website

- **National Conference Activities**:
  - **IPAC BC Chapter Booth**: Plans for the booth are coming together nicely but, volunteers are still needed. Attending the conference? Please lend a hand by volunteering some time at the booth to promote our fund raising activities.
**IFIC Run-Walk:** Monday 6-7am; this year’s event is a beautiful course, along the waterfront near Stanley Park. All funds raised from this event are in aid of the IPAC Canada Scholarship which assists Infection Control Professionals from under-funded or under-resourced countries to attend the annual International Federation of Infection Control conference. Come down to the harbour and cheer on the participants. Volunteers are still needed to assist as marshals to direct traffic and cheer! Specifics from Tara. Email: tara.donovan@phsa.ca.

**Call for Volunteers:** Volunteers are still needed for registration table on Saturday 7-9pm; Sunday at your discretion and Monday 6-7 am; **Contact Volunteer Coordinator:** Karmjit Sandhu Karmjit.Sandhu@fraserhealth.ca

**“Meet and Greet” hosted by IPAC BC:** Monday evening, 5:15 to 6:30. As the host chapter, welcome and meet your colleagues from across Canada and around the world. This promises to be a special event “Don’t miss it”.  

**Mentorship Program:** Mentors for new practitioners needed, for more information click [HERE](#).

| 7.2 | **Treasurer’s Report:** IPAC BC Finance Report  
Eight applicants who applied all were awarded their funding. Names are: Olga Hallborg, Kam Riarh, Swaz Narayan, Tanis Nelson, Karmjit Sandhu, Elizabeth Martin, Meg Rao  
From Ramnik via Ted: Attached to email with Final Meeting Minutes |
| 7.3 | **CIC Webinars available:**  
- CBIC:  
  - [Info on CIC Initial Certification](#)  
  - [Info on LTC-CIP](#)  
  - [Info on a-IPC for Novices](#)  
  - [CBIC Recertification Webinar Feb 2023](#)  
  - [APIC page on certification](#)  
- IPAC Canada:  
  - [Certification in Infection Control](#) resource page IPAC Canada  
  - Update: No news on development or release of New Study Guide for exam  

| 7.4 | **Website Update**  
- Document update and page formatting on-going  
- New Terms of Reference: Draft containing new revisions from IPCA Canada will be reviewed by executive, released to membership before submission to IPAC Canada |
**PICNet update:**

PICNet and Ministry as co-chairs of the Provincial COVID-19 IPC/WHS Working Group are undergoing provincial ‘recovery planning’ and shifting to a new way forward for COVID and viral respiratory illness (VRI). We aim to address all IPC-related COVID-19 resources currently on the BCCDC that were created by the working group. We will retire non-relevant items and more so revise materials for VRI or IPC practices in general. Top priorities are front-door signs for healthcare settings for staff, visitor and patients – serving as a passive screening process and highlighting IPC measures. Revisions to PCRA to shift from COVID-19 specific focus to general IPC practice are in progress. HCW return-to-work guidance is under revision. VRI Guidance for acute and LTC/assisted living is needed and COVID to be captured within. Planning to move this work forward is occurring. The remaining COVID-19 resources on the website will be addressed and revised materials to be posted on PICNet or Office of Provincial Health Officer website – to be determined and communicated. PICNet is working with PHSA communications to support provincial memos and other modes of giving updates about what changes have occurred, what work is in progress, and what will come in the future. The messages will serve as a reminder that aside from the specific updates shared by Dr. Henry, everything else is status quo until new guidance is posted and available.

PICNet’s website refresh is nearly done, stay tuned for an update in our next newsletter. Congratulations to the 3 prize winners who participated in the PICNet website survey.

PICNet will be recruiting new positions soon. Stay tuned for more details to be shared in a newsletter or email.

PICNet will have a booth at the IPAC Canada Conference 2023 exhibit hall. We encourage all IPAC BC Chapter members to come by and visit us. We will have swag items for take-away and would welcome conversation and connecting with you all. PICNet also has 3 poster presentations and look forward to having people come by and say hello and learn about our work.

High threat pathogens:

- The IPC high threat pathogens (HTP) sub-working group is currently working on edits to the Primary Care guideline for HTPs. There is ongoing engagement and discussion with key partners at Ministry of Health, College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, Doctors of BC, and others on expectations for these settings in management of individuals presenting with a HTP.
- Recently completed external review by provincial groups of the Recommendations for Cleaning and Disinfection of Medical Equipment for HTPs, PICNet is working on incorporating feedback.

The AGMP Expert Committee is currently working with UBC Therapeutics Initiative on conducting some new and/or updated evidence reviews on specific procedures.

PICNet has convened a task group with health-authority IPC and workplace health and safety representatives to update the existing additional precautions signs. Work in in-
PICNet is updating provincial infection prevention and control best practice guidelines for reprocessing of devices. The guidelines for the reprocessing of foot care devices is undergoing final review and approvals and we hope to have them published on the PICNet website soon. The ultrasound transducer probe guidelines have been drafted and will be undergoing review of the first draft.

### 8.0 New Business

#### 8.1 IPAC BC Executives Update:
- **Carmen Bentley**: Our Webmaster has accepted the dual role of Webmaster/Membership Director. Thank you Carmen

#### 8.2 IPAC BC Chapter Zoom Meeting schedule for 2023:
- April 19\(^{th}\) 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- June 21\(^{st}\) 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- September 20\(^{th}\) 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- November 22\(^{nd}\) 1:00 to 3:00 PM

### 9.0 IPAC Canada committees and interest group updates:

NOTE: Visit the [IPAC Canada Website, Members Area](#), to review the activities and meeting minutes of the: [IPAC Canada Committees] and [IPAC Canada Interest Groups]

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### Environmental Hygiene Interest Group:
On Thursday March 30, the EHIG group had a virtual quarterly meeting. The guest speaker for the education component was Barry Hunt, former Chair of the EHIG group and an industry member (Prescientx) of IPAC Canada.

Most of Barry's expertise in environmental hygiene is focused on engineering and equipment innovation as it relates to infection prevention. His lecture (which was recorded) included a vast number of slides and provided some insight on: new technology, new masks, LED light innovation, UV-C light for both surfaces and air ducting with very robust HVAC systems used to improve air quality, plus technology for ozonated water/sinks as part of hand hygiene and biofilm reduction in drainage pipes/traps.

The question and answer period after the lecture discussed the challenges of innovation vs. evidence based data (some sound, some lacking) applicable to each intervention. Regardless, the infection rates within our hospitals is becoming more challenging...10 years ago, Canadian infection rates from an HAI was 1 in 10, today it is 1 in 6. The suggestions offered within Barry's lecture provide interventional processes/technology that is best discussed through a multi-disciplinary approach to help achieve a desired infection prevention outcome.

If you have an interest in new engineered/innovation technology from an environmental hygiene perspective, please feel free to login (members only) to the IPAC Canada EHIG website portal: [https://ipac-canada.org/environmental-hygiene-interest-group](https://ipac-canada.org/environmental-hygiene-interest-group) and you will be able to listen to the pre-recorded lecture.

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### Healthcare Facility Design & Construction Interest Group
Last Meeting: 2023/03/23 @1300-1430
Z8000-18, Healthcare Design (Jessica Fullerton)
- Committee heavy in content development
- Public review period tentatively scheduled for May 2023
  - Participant Question: Where do we send questions about the Z317.13?
  - Answer: If an informal response will suffice, send question to Jessica Fullerton, as chair of the Z317.13 TSC ([jfullerton@toh.ca](mailto:jfullerton@toh.ca)). If a formal answer is required, send the inquiry via the CSA website

Z317.2-19, HVAC (Christine Moussa)
- Moving in to active content review/development phase
- Monthly meetings being established beginning April 2023
- Action Item: Should you wish to have any HVAC Standard related questions/concerns raised to the TSC, please forward to Christine.moussa@lhsc.on.ca
  - Participant Comment: I hope the HVAC Standard will provide recommendations for the long-term care setting

Discussion period included following topics, please read attached minutes for details:
- Enhanced Airborne Isolation Rooms (AIRs)
- Adiabatic Humidification
- Managing Ceiling Space Condensation
- Contractor Education
- Third Party Testing of CAHUs
- Storage of Items in Warehouse/Storage Areas
- Alarm Setting for Electronic Pressure Differential Monitors
- Gang Seating vs Individual Seating
- *M. abscessus* cluster potentially attributable to a water purification system

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Gord Platt

Robyn Hunter
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<td>INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL</td>
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<td>Vancouver Convention Centre</td>
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<td>The Surveillance working group met yesterday. No significant updates, however, please note the following: 1) The LTC surveillance definitions were sent out for stakeholder feedback, which are currently being reviewed to determine whether to incorporate the feedback into the definitions. 2) There have been inadvertent development delays with the new LTC Surveillance Software that is being developed with Bug Control. Therefore testing of the software has been delayed. Review February 7 Meeting Minutes, of SAEIG on the IPAC Canada Website</td>
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<td>10.0 Presentations:</td>
<td>Leslie Forester: Associate epidemiologist with Crede Technologies: Quality Improvement and Environmental Audit System, Slides attached. Short Round Table discussion: the role of artificial intelligence</td>
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We hope to see you at the National Conference May 28-31
# IPAC - BC 2023 Finance Report

**January 1, 2023 - April 19, 2023**

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### Starting Balance - January 1
$45,895.74

### Ending Balance - April 19
$37,774.33

### Net Income/(deficit)
-$8,121.41

### Transactions:
- 19 Jan 2023 Moira Walker Award Donation: $1,000.00
- 25 Jan 2023 IPAC BC email address expense: $57.75
- 7 Feb 2023 Stamps 20 count expense: $19.32
- 13 Feb 2023 IPAC BC membership revenue Oct-Dec 2023: $448.00
- 15 Feb 2023 IPAC BC membership revenue 2023: $544.00
- 3 April 2023 Books for IPAC BC conference expense: $1,566.34
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $1,500.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $1,000.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $1,500.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $350.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $1,500.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $520.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $1,125.00
- 5 April 2023 IPAC BC educational funding: $975.00
What is Data Quality Management and Why is it Important?

BC IPAC Chapter Meeting
April 19, 2023

OVERVIEW

- Why do you need to collect data?
- What is data quality management?
- Why is quality data so important?
- Data quality dimensions
- Data quality control methods
Why does Infection Control collect so much data?

• Because you have to!
  • Hospital accreditation, mandatory reporting
• For internal purposes
  • Surveillance, research, quality improvement, evaluation and reporting
• For financial reasons
  • To support business cases, cost estimations, demonstrate success with QI initiatives

What is Data Quality Management?

• Data quality management describes a set of practices that promote the collection, use and reporting of high quality information.
• To be effective, data quality management practices are implemented throughout the entire data-driven initiative.
Why is quality data important?

Users of your data make important decisions based on the assumption that the data collected are accurate and of high quality.

Dimensions of Data Quality

- Validity
- Integrity
- Accuracy
- Accessibility
- Consistency
- Completeness
Dimensions of Data Quality

**Validity:** Do the data fields that are being collected measure the constructs that we are interested in measuring?

**Accuracy:** How accurate are the data?

Dimensions of Data Quality

**Consistency:** Is there consistency in case definitions, interpretation and compliance with data collection protocols, inter-rater reliability, and even consistency between different systems or within systems over time.
Dimensions of Data Quality

Completeness: Are all the data fields completed?

Accessibility: Is the data accessible and is it available at the time it is needed?

Dimensions of Data Quality

Integrity: Do the data have integrity? Are the rules for how the data fields relate to one another met?
How do you build an effective data quality program?

Data Quality Control Methods

- Well-defined information and reporting requirements
- Comprehensive education and training
- As much as possible, adoption of technological solutions
- Pull data from primary source, where possible to avoid transcription and data entry error
- Safeguards to protect data from accidental deletion and/or changes.
- Back up systems to protect against loss
Data Quality Control Methods

- System features to standardize, reduce or eliminate free-text
- System features to prevent missing data, entry of inaccurate information or duplicate records
- Data validation and grooming
- Creation of reports that are meaningful and actionable with features that promote accurate interpretation of results
- Scalable and customizable systems that evolve with you as your information needs change

Partnering with CREDE

- BC business with 13 years of experience building technological solutions for healthcare
- Provides scalable and customizable solutions to meet current and evolving needs of clients
- Comprehensive education and training of users
- User management and security features to protect data
- On demand analytics and reporting
- Ongoing engagement with clients for continuous improvement and adaptation
Key take aways ....

- Data quality is important and needs to be considered throughout the entire initiative.
- There are six key dimensions to data quality.
- There are technological solutions and quality data management methods that can promote quality data.
- Crede is a technology company specializing in providing cost-effective, customizable technological solutions to healthcare.

Any Questions?
Contact Information

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