



Policy 00-02 Attachment A: Infection Control Committee

The Infection Control Committee is a sub-committee of the division's Safety/Risk Management Committee

I. PURPOSE

To establish a comprehensive infection control program aimed at preventing and controlling infections within BHRS, ensuring the safety of patients, clients, staff, and visitors.

The Infection Control Committee is committed to implementing evidence-based practices to minimize the risk of health-care associated infections. The committee will oversee the development, implementation, and evaluation of infection control policies and procedures.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and review infection control policies and procedures.
- Monitor infection control practices and compliance.
- Provide education and training to staff on infection prevention and control.
- Identify real and potential problems in infection control.
- Plan and provide needed services for prevention and/or treatment of infectious hazards.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

Co-Chairs: BHRS QM RN and the Clinical Services Manager – Nursing.

Members of the ICC are:

- Community Mental Health Nurse from each of the divisions five behavioral health clinics;
- Interface Primary Care Representative;
- Pharmacy Representative;
- Deputy Medical Director;
- Medical Director, ex officio;

Other specialist consultants as needed:

- Facilities Representative;
- Adult and Youth Services Leadership;
- Field based team representatives (ex: street medicine, OASIS, Puente);
- Risk Management, Employee and Public Services;
- Infection Control Employee Health, San Mateo County Health Center;
- Infectious Disease Specialist, San Mateo County Health Center;
- San Mateo Public Health Officer;
- Mental Health Primary Care;



IV. MEETINGS:

The ICC meets quarterly or as needed.

The Infection Control Committee is a sub-committee of the BHRS Safety/Risk Management Committee and reports to the BHRS Safety/Risk Management Committee and the BHRS Quality Improvement Committee.

V. ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and annually review the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan.
- Ensure compliance with OSHA standards regarding bloodborne pathogen training for BHRS staff.
- Select and maintain clinic infection control supplies: safety needles, sharps boxes, spill kits, emergency supplies, etc.
- Ensure awareness and procedures and protocols related to needlestick injuries.
- Coordinate with County Health, SMMC and HR Risk Management on infection control issues.
- Be aware of and distribute Infection Control resources to BHRS staff as appropriate.
- Additional infection control related projects as determined necessary by the ICC.