

**BCC BFI Assessment Committee**  
**Report for the Annual General Meeting of the BCC**  
**February, 2009**

The BCC BFI Assessment Committee is one of two standing committees of the Breastfeeding Committee for Canada. The major tasks of the Committee are overseeing the assessment of hospital and community health services in partnership with the Provincial/Territorial Coalitions/Committees and developing and refining the tools necessary for the BFI assessment process.

**Committee Members:**

Ginette Belanger, Marianne Brophy, Suzanne Dionne, Louise Dumas, Kathy Venter, Marina Green

**Designated Facilities**

Since the April, 2008 Annual Meeting the number of designated facilities has grown from 18 to 26.

**Community Facilities:**

Newly designated community facilities include:

- + Peterborough County-City Health Unit (ontario)
- + Centre de santé des services sociaux des Sommets CLSC de Sainte-Agathe-des Monts (Quebec)
- + Centre de santé des services sociaux des Sommets CLSC de Mont-Tremblant (Quebec)
- + Centre de santé des services sociaux des Sommets CLSC de Labelle (Quebec)
- + Centre de santé des services sociaux de Dorval-Lachine-La Salle CLSC de LaSalle (Quebec)

Total community health facilities:14. One facility in Ontario is scheduled for external assessment later this spring.

**Hospitals and Birthing Centres**

Newly designated hospital/birthing centres include:

- + BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre (BC)
- + Centre de santé et des services sociaux des Sommets (Quebec)
- + Grand River Hospital (Ontario)

Interesting challenges faced by the assessment teams included the largest group of facilities included in one assessment in Quebec: one hospital, three long term care facilities and one CLSC with three outreach locations; and the largest single maternity hospital facility in BC.

Total hospitals and birthing centres: 12

## **Pre-Assessments**

Pre-assessments continue in Quebec and Ontario. Additionally, one hospital is undergoing reassessment.

**Certificates of Participation:** to recognize initial steps along the Baby-Friendly journey the BCC has developed certificates that can be awarded to facilities meeting eligibility criteria. The first certificate available, the Certificate of Participation, is awarded by the P/T Committees. Several of these certificates have now been awarded. Criteria are listed on the BCC website.

## **Ongoing projects**

The committee will continue work on the following on projects:

- + Revision of the Practice outcome indicators
  - o The first step is completed with the merging of the 10 Steps and Seven Points and inclusion of UNICEF Revisions. This document will be presented at the February breastfeeding Conference in Vancouver, BC.
- + Modification of Assessment documents
  - o The next step is completion of the corresponding indicators. Additionally, the assessment documents will need to be modified to reflect the changes. Once all of these steps have been completed, translations can be done.
- + Hand book for Assessors
  - o Preliminary draft of an assessors handbook is in progress
- + BCC & P/T Committee Assessment Strategy/Responsibilities
  - o Development of Assessors: As the number of assessments increase we are able to include more assessor candidates in the assessments. In this last year four assessor candidates from Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia participated in assessments.

## **Country Coordinator Meeting: Geneva June 2-5, 2008**

Louise Dumas and I attended the UNICEF Country Coordinator meeting in Geneva. Numerous documents shared by the other country coordinators and the UNICEF staff provide direction for ongoing changes. Examples include revised medical indications for supplementation and development of *baby-friendly* steps for NICUs.

## **Volunteers**

I want to acknowledge the commitment of time, energy and expertise from the members of this committee. Without their tremendous commitment this work could not be done.

Respectfully submitted

Marina Green

Chair: BFI Assessment Committee.