



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda

Date: January 15, 2013

Time: 11-1 PST; 12-2 MST; 1-3 CST; 2-4 EDT

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I. **Welcome and Attendance** – Tammy, Karen, Diana, Pat. Carol is away and Judy was unavailable for call but provided update.

II. **Approval of November minutes** – Minutes approved and sent to J. Kanouse for her to post on the website.

III. **NTCA update – January 8, 2013**

President's Report

- A new Executive Director was selected from 34 applicants after a very arduous selection process. The Leadership Transition Team comprised of 4 officers and 2 section leaders unanimously selected Donna Hope Wegener as Executive Director. She previously served as SNTC and will start 1/22/13. She will have an orientation with Carol for a week or two.
- Jon discussed potential budget reductions in the future and how to put NTCA on sound financial footing without DTBE. Financial Committee has begun work on planning.
- Bedaquiline Consultation on developing guidelines for usage 1/15-16, 2013
- Treatment action group plans a special advocacy meeting on drug shortages for HIV medications. John will be attending as NTCA rep and discuss how these are impacting TB programs.

Committee Reports

- Legislative report – fiscal cliff was averted with sequestration delay of 2 months. Do not know how budget and possible cuts will look. New chair of House Appropriations Subcommittee. House TB Caucus has 16 bipartisan members. Calling for events for World TB Day.
- NSTC – no report
- Research and Survey – About 278 responses – 45 states to recent survey. Committee is working to clean data.
- Conference Planning – Meeting is June 10-14, 2013. Theme will be “TB at a Crossroads – Reason for Optimism.” Sue Etkind, former TB Controller for MA will be keynote speaker. Transition of NTCA assuming full leadership for conference planning is moving forward. APHL will not have a separate meeting this year.
- Bylaws – Finalizing draft revisions.

- Membership – Looking at reviewing list of membership before recruiting new members.
- Nominating – No update. Will start up soon.
- Awards – Will start up soon.

Discussion with CDC/DTBE

- Upcoming RTMCC Summit with NTCA representation. Discussed logistics of consulting the Mayo Center which will be expanded on at a later date.
- Budget Nothing new at this time. Safe in looking at possible 8-12% reduction. COAG reporting deadline was discussed for annual reports as January 31, 2014.
- INH Shortage being tracked by CDC and MMWR article concerning prioritization of usage coming out January 18th.

New Business including Strategic Planning Retreat with board. Next meeting February 12, 2013.

- IV. **Executive Director Report** - Tammy gave NTCA update and provided Judy Gibson's report below as she was unable to attend.
- V. **CDC Update- Judy Gibson** - CDC meeting to discuss new drug for MDR cases as part of Program Evaluation. Also Focus group to discuss 3HP. Both New Mexico and South Carolina provided updates on current usages in their respective states for the short course regimen. NM currently has 30 individuals and SC currently has 20. CDC is working towards a solution to the INH shortage problem and collecting inventory information from the TB controllers as well as current status and short fall.
- VI. **Old/Ongoing Business**
Conference Planning/Education - There are currently 200 people registered for the Webinar. This effort is part of a membership drive and there is a registrant's line list. Diana will keep the nurses list and may try to get Judy Gibson's nurse distribution list. Diana went over the basic agenda for the NTNC education session at the annual meeting. Diana led the discussion regarding making the education session shorter and possibly have the business meeting before lunch in order to capture members before they leave. Also suggested was to have a working lunch for committee members to meet together with their chairs to get ready to work. This is not definite. The projected schedule is below aligned with NTCA topic of TB at the Crossroads
- Two sessions with a 30 minute talk each – morning talk could be a panel with low, medium, and high incidence state discussing how they orient new TB nurses (Pat Iyer offered to be on panel as medium state) Looking at addressing TB Nursing shortage, retention, mentoring new nurses. Other things suggested were the Idaho Nurse Residency program, Ellen M could discuss ANA Certification. 9:45 – 10:00 break (nurse poster session view
 - Add 30 minute shorter session
 - 11 – 11:30 Lightening Talks
 - 11:30 – 12:30 Business meeting
 - Conference planning meeting is first Wednesday of each month 4-5 pm EST, next one is Feb 6th. Diana is also chair for NTCA Conference planning.

Nominating – Karen has found it challenging to recruit for board vacant executive board positions. Elections should be 90 days from the annual meeting which would take us to the middle of March. Current open positions include Secretary (1 year commitment) and President Elect (3 year commitment)

Karen has sent out multiple emails to various individuals. She currently has 2 candidates for the nominating ticket and they are:

1. Maria Dalbey, Nurse Consultant for Kentucky: President-elect nominee and **2.** Karen Martinek, Nurse Consultant for Alaska: Secretary Nominee
Diana Fortune will reach out to Ann Sittig and Barbara Brissette to see their interest in serving for either position.

New Business

State update, MA had increase of 20 case this past year with some staffing reductions, piloting new hospital discharge form, patients are much sicker than they have been. Working with INH shortage and State TB nurses meeting with Dr. Bernardo to go over current caseload and looking at those who can be transitioned to other drugs.

SC with the use of QFT has decreased numbers of confirmed LTBI. No further fall out in FL from homeless outbreak.

VII. Next Meeting - February 26, 2013 2:00 – 4: 00 PM. Note date is changed from February 19th.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Iyer, MSN, RN, BC, NTNC Secretary
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