



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda
Date: March 25, 2014
Time: 11-1 PST; 12-2 MST; 1-3 CST; 2-4 EST



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- I. Welcome and Attendance Diana Fortune
Diana Fortune, Barbarah Brissette, Tammy McKenna, Donna Pat Iyer in attendance.
- II. Approval of January Minutes Pat Iyer
Not yet submitted
- III. 2014 Membership Numbers Diana Fortune
Overall numbers are low. NTCA numbers are also low. Delay in getting out renewal reminders for people. Need to be more timely because of upcoming elections.
- IV. NTNC Conference June 2014 Barbarah/Diana
Conference agenda is coming along. APHL will pay for Ken Jost to travel to NTCA. Also Carolyn Bargman will be attending. Pat Iyer will serve as time keeper for the presentations. Conference is June 10-14 at the Hyatt. Diana will be submitting a poster illustrating the evolution of NTNC. Diana will update the agenda.
- V. Nominating Committee Updates Tammy McKenna
Deborah Isaacks sent in CV, waiting for Julie Tamara. Ballots to be sent out between March 28 – April 8th to meet requirements of Bylaws.
- VI. Education Committee Pat Iyer
Challenge is keeping the certification process separate from looking generally at education issues. Have hit a few walls with this process. I did speak with Peter Davidson, MI regarding their TB Nurse Certification program. He offered to include me in some of the calls and planning. It is a comprehensive program for MI TB Nurses however is limited to that state. I reached out to him again recently and will keep the group posted.
- VII. By-laws update Diana Fortune
Upcoming NTCA call regarding By-Laws. Discussion proposed to have arms of NTCA create specific recommendations under larger NTCA umbrella. Previous proposals include enlarging the NTNC Executive Board to include additional membership: At large members from Low, Medium, High States as well as a Big City. This would increase and broaden TB Nurse representation as well as add flavor to the group. There was a basic discussion to look at what process might be needed if one of us could not fill the terms of the position.

VIII. INJ Form Update Diana Fortune
Form is being piloted at the present time. Plan to vote at national meeting.

IX. Misc Diana Fortune
Looking at language for ACET Resolution around TB Nurse Consultant. Diana is working on draft to submit.

Tammy spoke of how all TB Cases are investigated and managed using the Incident Command System.

X. NTCA monthly call highlights: March 11, 2014 Pat Iyer

- NSTC – Annual meeting agenda is nearly final. There are travel grants available for eligible individuals. The survey with the AMA is a growing concern and there is discussion to rerun a survey from the early 1990's to gain information on physicians' need for TB education.
- NTNC – Barbarah Brissette gave update on conference and IJF.
- Epidemiology section – Petition drafted for administrative support. This section will not replace Research and Survey Committee
- Executive Director – Intensive membership recruitment is ongoing. This effort seems to be very successful.
- DTBE – Long discussion about FOA. Publication for Grant is leaning towards posting 7/1/14 on grants.gov.
- Drug/Diagnostic Shortages – Discussion regarding the establishment of an early warning system, development of a drug repository and looking at distributors of drugs. The shortage in tubersol has seen delays in testing security and safety personnel as well as students.
- Overall conference – Planning is underway. Most speakers are contacted and confirmed.
- Research – Michelle Macaraig is the new chair person
- Nominations – Completed nominations with 2 candidates in each category
- Awards – Committee discovered that more structured process was needed on eligibility, and criteria. Question was proposed on who should be giving the awards.
- By-laws – Committee is closed to drafting a whole new set of by-laws.
- World TB Day – discussed call with Tom Navin and Roque Miramontes and concern regarding late notice of the call.
- Board meeting in Atlanta in June. – 2-3 hour late afternoon dinner is planned after June9th ACET meeting.
- Establishment of a Drug Sensitivity Testing Center – Terry Chorba discussed having a reference lab for growth-based DST and molecular testing for DR. Jurisdictions with <50 tests/year are being asked to use this center and there will be no decrease in lab funding. Controllers expressed concern and felt that APHL should weigh in as well.
- Case Rates for LTBI Survey – NTCA is developing a survey on reporting LTBI with plan to possibly use for CoAg funding. NSTC is working on a variety of projects which include having a discussion forum through the NTCA website, conducting a physician survey in conjunction with AMA, recruiting membership as well as looking at bylaws.

- RVCT Reporting – Last month it was asked how many states get credit for cases that move in to states for treatment but are not counted in that state. Could CDC be approached to include this to get credit on RVCT for these cases? This was discussed internally but not thorough. Other potential questions presented include a variable called resident of a correctional facility at time of diagnosis – not in homeless shelter at diagnosis over a year ago but 60% over a year. For cases that are culture positive but have cross contaminated specimens, there are no places to note cross contamination. Date of death if reason for stopping therapy is death. Does Board want to add variables? Feeling that current variables are not always relevant. Technology has changed, including use of Technology.

XI. Next Meeting – April 15, 2014 2:00 – 4:00 EST

Respectfully submitted,

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