



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Notes

Date: April 27, 2011

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

Call in number: 1-800-250-2600

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- I. **Welcome and Attendance** In attendance: Dawn Farrell, Larry Niler, Judy Gibson

- II. **Approval of March Notes** Approved as submitted, except under Old/Ongoing Business, Planning Committee update mistakenly noted as Nominating Committee.

- III. **NTCA update – Dawn Farrell** No update

- IV. **Executive Director Report – Carol Pozsik** Not present

- V. **CDC Report – Judy Gibson** NHANES abstract for NTC meeting accepted:
"Reading results of the tuberculin skin test (TST) is subject to variability, but many inherent variations can be avoided by careful attention to details. Differences in procedural techniques in reading TST results can cause false-positive or false-negative TST results. Many healthcare workers would benefit from increased training and experience to reproduce the measurement of TST results. To ensure reproducible TST readings, we provided newly trained NHANES workers with standardized methods, and we evaluated their readings by reporting blinded independent duplicate readings (BIDRs)."

National MDR TB ENM 4/26/2011: Challenges in the Management of MDR TB in Patients with Autoimmune Hepatitis

This case study addressed complications of managing the treatment of TB and the impact of treatment response to autoimmune hepatitis for TB treatment outcomes. The importance of using outcome measures to improve adherence strategies for completion of treatment in tuberculosis and in other diseases that impact response to TB treatment (a nursing contribution).

3HP Expert Consultation (Proposed CDC Guidelines for a 3-month, 12-dose, weekly combination regimen of Isoniazid and Rifapentine under direct observation for treating latent TB infection)

Look for presentations during the NTC meeting and timeline for release of interim guidelines.

VI. Old/Ongoing Business

- **Nominating Committee update-Kathy Kolaski** Not present
- **Committee Reports-Membership committee** Dawn reports 5 requests for new membership during current campaign. May try again after June conference, hoping that non-members attending the conference will be interested.
- Dawn reports having received all year-end committee reports as of yesterday, and she will now submit full report to Carol.
- **Other- question on membership for Carol from members**

VII. New Business –NTNC award

- **Facebook site for NTNC members add executive board members** Site now open with Membership Committee members posted; hope to add Exec. Committee to site. Hope is to use access as a membership perk, providing access to other TB nurses. Concerns: 1) How to control access and content, 2) HIPPA issues if cases discussed, 3) Could use site to provide mentoring, 4) Hoping this increases access to NTNC; should put time limit on “trial run”, 5) Larry expressed privacy concerns and that maybe access-granting rights should be limited to committee chairs. Dawn will take concerns back to Membership Committee.
- **Manual committee update members during the NTNC business mtg** Carol will take 10 minutes to update membership
- **NTNC Ballot ready for posting** Candidate list received from Kathy and forwarded to Regina at CDC on time. Tammy McKenna for President; 2 candidates for Sec’y. Question arose as to qualification of one of the Sec’y candidates due to having paid dues to NTCA but not NTNC. This is in the process of resolution.

VII. Next Meeting – May 25, 2011