



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda

Date: May 21, 2103

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

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- I. **Welcome and Attendance**– Karen Farrell, Tammy McKenna, Diana Fortune, Donna Wegener, Pat Iyer
- II. **Approval of April minutes:** Amendments made and forwarded to Jennifer Kanouse to post on Website
- III. **NTCA update:**
 - **Strategic planning retreat** – notes were just received. There is more work that is identified and needed for NTCA. Will continue discussions at June retreat in Atlanta.
 - **Bylaws** - Committee took a hard look at Bylaws. Need to look at these with renewed vision and direction, especially around treasurer roles and responsibility.
 - **CDC/DTBE** – update on sequestration – 5% reduction to all domestic programs over next ten years. 5% reductions that COAGS are capped. Numbers are finally starting to come in. Some contracts may experience a larger cut as funding has already been sent out.
 1. NTCA Award – Final decision has not been made. Not protected by 5% decision. There are efforts in place to protect what funding goes to NTCA. Reductions in conference attendance will be a bit hit to finances.
 2. Hiring and travel freeze for CDC
 3. Limited project officer’s visits for remainder of the year
 - **INH/Tubersol shortages** – Ample INH is available but some price increases noted in some states. As far as Tubersol and Aplisol, companies have not given update. Some places are waving TST requirements. Discussion about looking at strategies for building a stockpile. NTCA Workgroup to convene May 20th.
 - **Results** – Results has requested sponsorship of upcoming conference in Washington DC.
 - **Annual Report** – Several board members raised the need for an Annual Report presentation at the upcoming June meeting.
- IV. **Executive Director Report - Donna Wegener**

- Three weeks before conference. Travel challenges have added challenges to conference planning as some speakers have not been allowed to travel. Four TB Controllers who are CDC Employees were allowed to travel. Looking at how it will affect speakers and attendance. Still waiting to see if one of main speakers on Genotyping from Kentucky. Maria Dalbey will do her talk. Approximately 201 are registered. There are two gold sponsors for the conference.
- Strategic planning will take place Saturday and Sunday before the Conference. CDC Leadership will join Sunday morning. Partnerships have been extended to key groups.
- Continuation Application for NTCA Cooperative agreement is due around 5/10. Hopefully there will not be any additional cuts other than what was expected.
- Preparations for retreat are being prepared, draft agenda also

V. **Old/Ongoing Business:**

- **Nominations Committee- Karen Farrell – Chair** – Karen announced the results of the elections. Barbarah Brissette, Houston, TX is the President Elect of NTNC. Pat Iyer was re-elected as organization Secretary. Congratulatory letters and emails were sent to newly elected officers as well as conciliatory emails to those who did not win
- **IJ Form** – Modifications were made to the form and sent out to everyone. ? Need a small work group to work on this? Tammy will send it out.
- **Awards** – Review and grading of nominations for Carol Pozsik Nursing award. Maria Dalbey, Kentucky Department of Public Health one this year. Jeanie Yelton, Lexington County Health Department in Lexington, South Carolina was also nominated.

VI. **New Business**

- **Annual Report** – Tammy sent out Annual Report for Executive board to review. Please send any changes to her by May 25th.
- **Bylaws** – Suggestion to change Secretary position term to two years in line with NTCA.
- **Karen Farrell will be Acting Secretary at NTNC Annual meeting**

VII. **Next Meeting - NTNC Atlanta, GA June 10, 2013**

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