



**National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Annual Meeting Notes
June 10, 2014**

Meeting of the TB nurses (NTNC) held on June 10, 2014, in Atlanta, Georgia at the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA).

Bylaws - NTNC bylaws are going to be incorporated with NTCA bylaws. Nurses will have their own work plan. The bylaws are to be voted on at the NTCA business meeting.

Inter-jurisdictional transfer - Julie Tomaro is working on making this more user friendly. There was a pilot done with the new electronic transfer form. There are changes to be made with the font size. There will be a short video about how to complete this form. This will be a form that will be more consistently completed. This will be live soon and will be found on the NTCA website.

Electronic Health Records Systems – These tend to put patients in boxes.

What do we (nurses) want to see changed?

1. CDC to change to TBI from LTBI: Need some type of official statement. Concern that TBI is also traumatic brain injury when TBI looked up on computer. A person lives with TB infection it is not latent. Be careful of muddying the waters with the changes.
2. Changing the term from suspect to “Person with suspected TB.” Suspect is often a “bad” person. Keep patient as person.
3. Get CDC nurse consultant! This person needs to be in the field services division and not the evaluation branch. We as nurses need to fax letter to CDC requesting this. These need to be sent before and after new person hired for DTBE. This is on the ACET agenda for ACET to present as a resolution. It did pass. John Bernardo is new president of NTCA and he supports a CDC nurse consultant.
4. Need to include all nurses in TB. Need to have a combination of live and “electronic” meetings for all nurses. Nurses need creative ways to make them more visible. Nurses need to take credit for what we do.
5. Possible scholarships for nurses for travel for next year.

The minutes were passed by majority of those present.

The new officers were announced: Julie Tomaro (Washington State) is president elect and Deborah Isaacks (New Mexico) is secretary.

Submitted by Deborah Isaacks