



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
September 12, 2014

Present: Barbarah Martinez, Jennifer Kanouse, Julie Tomaro, Diana Fortune, Deborah Isaacks and Donna Wegener

Barbarah has 3 major things she wants board to work on.

1. Members only webinar.

Work with the education committee to have webinar in November.

Date: November 14 12:00 mountain time.

Topic: Alcohol abuse

Plan: 15 minutes with Dr. Vasquez from TCID

15 minutes case study

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15 minutes for questions

In March or April, will have another member only webinar with Dr. Armitage from Heartland on pedi TB.

Diana to send a "save the date" email for the November webinar

2. Glen Christie

This is regarding the nurse consultant position. Barbarah is to have a conference call with Mr. Christie on Thursday.

Need an impact statement about why position is needed. Barbarah will work on this.

What is impact statement? A justification for nurse consultants for CDC and NTCA.

Need to quantify why need nurse case managers. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has studies for use in this statement. We need these nurses to be a central voice for all TB nurses. Also these persons will provide guidance during these times of decreased workforce.

The CDC position needs to be in the Field Medical Office instead of evaluation.

Clinicians agree this position is needed. We have their support as needed.

Diana to talk to Donna about nurse for NTCA. Diana to work on job descriptions for both jobs.

Benefits for CDC: National stage – more political-

Benefits for NTCA: fewer barriers than CDC, make real changes. These 2 could work in tandem.

3. Nursing Certification for TB

What about doing this through NTCA? ANA too expensive to do through them.

Barbarah would like to have 2-3 nurses certified by June 2015.

Questions about national competencies-Jennifer will put out call to members to see what competencies are out there.

More questions-do we need a test? Who are certification boards? What needs to be done for certification through NTCA? Who should be on review panel?

This needs to be an ongoing process. Ask education committee to follow up with this.

Next item is a work plan for NTNC. Corrections committee has template we can use. To work on this, we need to invite committee chairs. We need to decide on dates and send out save the date notices. So far, no deadline set.

The next meeting will be October 10, 2014.