



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Executive Board Conference Call Notes Date September 22, 2010

I. Welcome and Attendance

Members in attendance: Dawn Farrell, Kathleen Kolaski, Karen Farrell, Judy Gibson. Due to a cohort review Larry Niler was unable to attend, Carol Pozsik also could not attend.

II. Approval of Notes

The August notes were approved with revisions and will be posted to the website.

III. NTCA Update – Dawn gave the NTCA Update

- A.** Discussion of the bill before the Florida legislature tasking the Florida DOH to close/privatize A.G. Holley Hospital. Discussed the long term issues with that decision: how to care for the patients currently seen at A.G. Holley; who will care for the patients currently seen at A. G. Holley-private hospitals, other TB hospitals such as TCID in Texas; will Florida medicare rates be accepted in other states? This developed into a discussion on the NTNC call regarding the role of the public health nurse: Will public health nurses be asked by private providers to provide services beyond their scope of practice? Discussed the increasing acuity of TB patients and the growing need for in-patient care. Judy Gibson suggested we should refer those individuals needing support to standards of practice, the clinical experts, TB Experts (RTMCC), and state nurse consultants to link those individuals that are in need of additional support.
- B.** Jim Cobb reviewed his TB controller survey that was sent out on 9/1/2010. Sue Etkind reminded everyone of the NACCHO survey that was sent out in early 2010 to TB programs in large cities and high and low incident states and if that information could be used in place of Jim's survey. Jim felt the information he is asking for was not adequately covered in the NACCHO survey. The board agreed with Jim.
- C.** On Thursday Sept. 23, 2010 @ 1:00 the first NTCA Planning Committee call is scheduled. Sherry had sent out the form to send in Topic suggestions for 2011 NTCA Conference deadline to submit was noon September 21, 2010.

IV. Executive Director Report from Carol Pozsik- no report.

IV. CDC Report from Judy Gibson

- A.** “Adherence to TB Medication” Brown Bag to the DTBE on 9/16/2010
Judy Gibson
- B.** I am proposing a project to analyze data on methods of medication delivery and treatment completion for reported TB cases in US, 1993-2007 (RVCT data)
- C.** All TB nurses need to be sure new RVCT adherence variable is completed accurately: “Reason therapy extended > 12 months (noncompliance, Rifampin resistance, adverse drug reaction, treatment failure)”
- D.** All RVCT variables need to be completed, not just the NTIP variables, so we can analyze and recommend evidence-based practice (example adherence methods)
- E.** TB Notes deadline for No. 4, 2010 was 9/17/2010. What articles were submitted by NTNC members? We discussed if anyone for the NTNC was submitting articles to TB Notes. It was noted that Sept and Oct. are busy travel months as there are several TB Controller meetings going on.
- F.** Upcoming regional TBC meetings this month (NE, Midwest, SE)
- G.** SE Nurses will meet in break-out session October 13 chaired by Julie Luffman
- H.** Health Reform and TB Control Forum October 7, 2010
- I.** MDR ENM Webinar Thursday September 23, 1-2:30 pm Eastern (sponsored by SNTC)

VI. Ongoing Business

- A.** Committee issues were discussed.
- B.** Nominating Committee: Kathy Kolaski requested an updated list of all the TB nurse consultants from Judy Gibson. Kathy has completed her nominating committee members. They are: Kathy Hursen, Jan Young, Ellen Murray and Mary Goggins, these committee members will represent each region of the country. Four individuals have expressed interest to serve on committee also two voiced interest in the president elect position for 2011.
- C.** By-law committee. Discussion regarding the change to NTNC bylaws to reflect the change in time for posting the ballot and the return of the ballot d/t NTCA change to electronic voting. Kathy Kolaski will follow up with the NTCA board regarding this change from voting in January to June. Should the By-law committee continue to be part of the Executive board duties? Further discussion on next conference call.

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- D.** Planning Committee issues were discussed, and Karen Farrell/Kathy Kolaski suggested having topics of nursing interest drafted that could be adjusted to fit NTCA's conference agenda. Dawn reported that the first NTCA Planning committee call to discuss the purposed topics is to be held on September 23, at 1:30 and we will know more about the topics for our next NTNC call. Planning committee member are Karen Farrell, Kathy Kolaski, Katie Sisk, Dawn Farrell.
- E.** Membership Committee: The membership committee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. They have had three meetings June, July and August. At the June meeting it was suggested to contact each of the RTMCCs regarding adding the NTNC link to their web pages. Dawn has contacted Heartland and they were in agreement to add the NTNC link as soon as they have an IT person.
- F. New Business:** Dawn gave a brief report on the new TB Hospital. The ribbon cutting was on September 22, 2010 at 11:30. The new 75 bed facility will not be open to accept patients until the end of October 2010 as they are still waiting on equipment to be delivered and installed.
- G.** Dawn also reported on the STOP TB USA RETREAT in Newark Sept. 1 & 2. The retreat was attended by 23 representatives from various TB programs, CDC and RTMCC. The goal was to discuss and review the mission and bylaws for Stop TB USA, and to develop a Plan of Work for the TB Elimination for the US. The group was divided into two groups to discuss marketing strategy and core issues for the focus of implementation of the work plan.
- H.** It was also suggested by Judy that the NTNC should draft a position statement or possibly a white paper regarding the patients' perspective in the social and psycho/social issues regarding TB treatment, DOT, self administered therapy, video phone therapy.

VII. Adjournment