



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda
Date: September 25, 2102

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- I. **Welcome and Attendance:** In attendance: Karen Farrell, Diana Fortune, Tammy McKenna and Pat Iyer.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes from annual meeting and August minutes approved and amended by T. McKenna to be forwarded to Jennifer Kanouse
- III. **NTCA Update by Tammy McKenna**
 - Minutes distributed to September 11, 2012 Executive Committee but highlights include the following. Many have action items for attached.
 1. Updates from all committees
 2. NTCA website was hacked on September 10, 2012 however is back up and running as of September 11, 2012
 3. Seeking members to sit on research committee which Sarah Burkholder
 4. Conference Planning for NTNC Annual Conference
 5. Bylaws and Membership committees have upcoming calls
 6. Discussion of 340B guarantees for low pricing on drugs. All programs will need to be recertified by January 2013. Webinar coming in October to outline.
 7. CMS incentives for moving towards electronic medical records. DTBE is looking in to whether TB Clinics under health departments are eligible. Webinar in September.
 8. ACA – Grade A/B services will be reimbursed but TB is not graded. Decision made not to take LTBI on as a topic so not to be redundant with other federal agencies. Funding needs to be prioritized. Need to further look at data to support recommendations for TB screening as population based activity vs. the entire population.
 9. Completion of Therapy Survey (COT) – template added to look at data for COT and population based on 2011 data. Survey is based on six key data elements and relates to performance and operational aspects to identify areas where we needed to pay attention to improve COT. Some concerns raised by NTCA Board Members, duplications of efforts, inconsistent data without a standardized template.
 10. ARPE – discussion of timeline, steps, and format for feedback on revisions to ARPE report. DPBE has not reached a full state of commitment to revise/continue ARPE. Some states find it useful to

fold in to cohort review. Need a “one size fits all” format. Proposal to have a one hour phone conference to discuss after TB-ETN.

11. Discussion of Media Opportunities for MDR TB, distributing information and materials ahead of time; a prepared written response. Also discussed as embargoed Lancet article
12. Calls with Dr. Fenton – TNCA felt that a quarterly call might benefit the organization.
13. Annual Conference – Plan to have same hotel as this past year. Need more internal help. Organization needs to clarify role of Sherry Brown for NTCA.
14. CoAg Program Evaluation.

IV. Committee Reports: Karen Farrell sent out information to committees

- **Nominating Committee:** Karen Farrell (chair) 10/8/12 call
- **Conference Planning Committee** – Diana Fortune (chair.) Conference Committee Calls being set up in October. And will be 1st Wednesday of the month at 2 PM MST.
- **Membership Committee** – Deborah Isaacks (New Mexico) chair. – No information from Deborah yet for Joint NTCA/NTNC Membership Committee. No date yet for meeting
- **Corrections Committee** – Diana Fortune (Chair) – Break down of three workgroups including the following:
 1. Corrections Liaisons – one from each state and would be posted on website
 2. Data Analysis and Surveillance (Loren Armstrong) – to look at surveillance slide set for corrections for RVCT, annual data information, research processes
 3. Education workgroup – what is out there for state and national education, organized in some fashion, CDC, RTMCC, State – meeting regularly, chaired by Ann Sittig, St. Paul, MN
- **Informatics/Best Practices** – on hiatus. - Pat Iyer discussed briefly with Judy Gibson at TB ETN who seemed interested in reopening discussion on Informatics. Very general conversation but no plans of meeting.
- **Workforce Development** – Ellen Murray (Chair) – Pat Iyer discussed this by email and she is interested in reviewing materials I recently found that were part of the original discussion for ANA Certification. Will forward them to her.
- **By-Laws Committee** – Tammy McKenna (Chair). - Next Bylaws meeting is 10/19/12. No plans of changing bylaws unless NTCA makes changes.

V. New Business:

- **No new business discussed however updates below provided:**
 1. Congratulations to Diana Fortune, officially TB Program Manager for New Mexico Department of Health!
 2. Upcoming 4 Corners Conference in Durango will have Paul Farmer as Speaker
 3. Rocky Mountain and SW TB Controllers Meeting also coming up as well as Heartland TB/Corrections Conference

4. South Carolina had a recent review of 3HP records and found that Correctional facilities had used Rifampin instead of Rifapentine and treatment had to be restarted.
5. FLA not in favor of use of 3HP. Karen Farrell will not be attending SE Meeting
6. Carol Poszik mentioned Nurses from Australia may be attending the National Meeting. Might e good for plenary session
7. Discussed TB ETN Meeting and creative use of Social Media with TB, DOT, and Contact Tracing.
8. MA – Lab received a NAAT Grant implanted in September 2012 to look at early testing of individuals with TB in high risk settings, those with initial negative smears, those with potential for high risk contact investigations where NAAT results could be useful in expanding investigations, i.e. corrections, congregate settings, schools, etc. Also development and distribution of discharge planning form to require discharging institutions to get DPH TB Program approval prior to discharging individuals with TB back to the community. Fits with state regulation requiring DC Plan 72 hours prior to discharge.

VI. **Next Meetings:**

- **October 16 @ noon (MST)**
- **Thereafter will be:** 3rd Tuesday at noon (MST) (Outlook invitation sent out.

Respectfully submitted Pat Iyer, NTNC Secretary