



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda

Date: October 16, 2012

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

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- I. **Welcome and Attendance**- Karen Farrell, Diana Fortune, Tammy McKenna & Judy Gibson

- II. **Approval of September minutes**: September minutes approved. Minutes from June, August and now Sept need to be posted on the NTNC website

- III. **NTCA update: October 9, 2012**
 - Conference Call October 19th with Drs. Fenton & Castro to discuss vision for the future of TB Control and whether elimination is possible. Members of executive board felt more streamlined strategies would be more beneficial.
 - **Conference planning for 2013**
 1. Charles Wallace expressed discussing the need to have Phil Talboy and Sherry Brown continue involvement in conference planning to ensure stability and continuity.
 2. As previously noted, Dr. Castro would like to see more separation in leadership between CDCTBPC and NTCA in planning for the meeting.
 3. Carol Pozsik will have responsibility for logistics planning
 4. Jon Warkentin will have responsibility for co-chair as agenda.
 5. Including other stakeholders such as federal training centers.
 6. Next call is Oct 11 @ 4 PM.
 7. CDC has traditionally handled CME credits and is unwilling to do this for next year's conference. Alternative plans will need to be made perhaps through federal training centers.
 - **NTCA Leadership Transition** – Carol Pozsik is planning retirement for end of 2012 and is interested in maintaining involvement in conference planning, willing to devote 25% of time. She has submitted a letter of resignation. NTCA needs to recruit a full time new executive director, meetings outside the normal executive board and plan is to convene a small work group comprised of 5 officers, current present of NTNC and NSTC, Carol and possibly other stakeholders. Job description development is in process.
 - **Committee reports**
 1. **NTNC Report** – Tammy McKenna – Conference planning discussion, looking towards direction of theme from NTCA
 2. **NSTC Report** – Dean Tsukayama – Calls for Clinician section 3rd Tuesday of the month. Working on planning for 2013 conference.

3. By-Laws Committee – Nancy Baruch – One meeting. Proceeding through By-laws. Discussion regarding definition of membership classification, dues, who can participate on what level
 4. Membership Committee – Cristie Chesler – small meeting in August but not well attended. Shooting for October and will contact proposed committee members to see who is interested in participating.
 5. Website Workgroup – Mike Arbisi will be leaving current TB position and resigning from the Board.
 6. Research and Survey Committee – Jon Warkentin – Sarah Burkholder agreed to chair committee. Looking for individuals to participate.
- Other Business
 1. Discussion of false positive QFTs. APHL drafted a statement of IGRAS, suggest session at upcoming NTCA meeting which is unbiased,
 2. Discussion of research and impact on programs, specifically with funding
 3. Discussion of ACET and upcoming agenda. Nothing received as yet
 4. Several action steps pertaining to above **old and new business items. Next meeting is November 13, 2012.**

IV. Executive Director Report – Carol not on call. Carol Poszik will be retiring December 31, 2012. The NTCA has formed a workgroup to for hiring a new director. The group will consist of 5 officers and the 2 Presidents of the sections. More to come at a later date.

V. CDC Update- Judy Gibson:

- Midwest TB Controller’s Conference-Program Topics:
- State reports and new tools: MN, ND, SD, WI, IA, MO, NE, KS, Chicago
- New tools: MN-Review of Death of a TB Case; TB Hospital Discharge Planning Checklist; TB Patient Teaching checklist; TST Protocol (all on website); KS: TB in Correctional Setting Audit; KDHE TB P&C-12-Dose Isoniazid-Rifapentine TB Infection Treatment Policy; SD: 12-dose INH & Rifapentine Regimen and forms.
- Striving to achieve TB Elimination in the face of diminishing resources - Phil Talboy.
- Program evaluation updates- Judy Gibson and Vernard Green, Regina Gore
- Progressing toward TB Elimination in low-incidence areas of the US and performance improvement
<http://www.cdc.gov/MMWR/preview/MMWRhtml/rr5105a1.htm>
- LTBI-Case Registry match and tracking preventable case index - Missouri
- 12-dose INH/Rifapentine and Research with IGRA’s in health care settings - John Jereb
- Qiagen update (Cellestis): 9/22/2012 Voluntary withdrawal of 1 batch/lot number of collection tubes (330,000) with 25-30% false positives (all negative and indeterminate results accurate). Qiagen conducting root cause analysis for tubes. Importance of tracking tube lot numbers.
- CDC has reduced time for NTCA annual meeting planning as required. This is changing the way planning and CEUs are done for 2013.
- CDC (Judy) interested in continuing participation in NTNC monthly calls.

VI. **Old/Ongoing Business:**

Nominations Committee- Karen Farrell - Chair. Conference Call on October 8, 2012 – group created an email to be sent out to the current NTNC membership to invite members to get involved and see if interested in holding an office. This email has been sent to Eva Forest to be sent out.

Conference Planning Committee: Diana Fortune – Chair. Committee had first call on October 3, 2012. First call was a brainstorming session for topics. Diana reports very productive. This group will begin monthly calls. Next call will be November 7, 2012.

The NTCA Research & Survey Committee has requested NTNC representation on this committee. Karen Farrell has agreed to participate. Karen's contact information has been provided to Sarah Burkholder who chairs this committee.

VII. **New Business:** Suggestions for a NTNC newsletter arose from the Planning committee via Membership committee. Deborah Isaacs who chairs the membership committee is interested in adding this to her committee and will report more at the next meeting.

VIII. **Next Meeting** - Nov 20, 2012- 2Pm EST

Respectfully submitted Pat Iyer, NTNC Secretary