



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Agenda

Date: October 27, 2010

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

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- I. **Welcome and Attendance** Members in attendance: Kathy Kolaski, Dawn Farrell, Karen Farrell, Carol Pozsik, Larry Niler

- II. **Approval of September Notes** Final draft approved and will be posted to website.

- III. **NTCA update – Carol Pozsik** Nursing Manual revision completed in draft, and Editorial Board will begin review within next week. Target date for release not yet determined. VersaPharm has been approached for funding, and NTCA will partially fund printing and hard copy distribution (recipients yet to be determined). Manual will be available online.

- IV. **Executive Director Report – Carol Pozsik** Carol has been attending regional Health Care Reform meetings, and reports that a presentation by Carol Johnson of G. Washington U. pointed out that ‘Prevention’ is the emphasis, and that Community Health Centers (CHCs) will be getting “billions of dollars” so that everyone can have a medical home. Public health, and TB in particular, were not addressed. Unclear how this will impact public health depts., but at recent Stop TB meeting it was noted that, for example, CHCs will not want to be doing contact investigations, but public health will need to work closely with CHCs. Carol also pointed out that the “Medicaid Waiver” to pay for unfunded TB treatment is only working in a few states, and this could be an indication of more problems down the road. Carol said that Kim Fields is reviewing Stop TB minutes with the intent to distribute. Dawn will forward Ms. Johnson’s power point to the board. Lastly, Carol reported that CDC gave end-of-year leftover money to Association of Public Health Laboratories without consulting with NTCA – some NTCA officers had concerns. And, per Kathy’s question, Carol confirmed that the NTNC conference call number is not shared outside of NTNC.

- V. **CDC Report – Judy Gibson** No report

VI. Old/Ongoing Business

- **Nominating Committee update – Kathy Kolaski**
Due date for slate?
- **Committee Reports** No specific reports received, but committee issues discussed as follows: Per Dawn, By-laws committee s/b revived so that there is ongoing review; per Kathy, Nominating Committee is ongoing and s/b listed on NTNC website. Staffing committee is a subcommittee of Workforce Development and finished their work, so no need to continue. Larry suggested that the list of committees on the NTNC website be reviewed and updated = per Executive Board, the list s/b (in no specific order): Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Corrections, Nursing Informatics, TB Nursing Manual, Research, Workforce Development, Nominating, ANA Recognition, Membership, and By-laws. The issue of ballot distribution related to timing of dues payment (January {receive a ballot} vs. June {no ballot available}) still needs to be addressed, by either Membership or By-laws. Carol reminded the board that any by-laws changes require NTCA board approval. Finally, Dawn expressed concern that the Membership Committee now meets same day as Exec. Committee, and consideration should be given to changing schedules.
- **Update – Suggested topics for 2011 NTCA conference – Dawn Farrell** Carol suggested we hold off on this since NTCA is still working on the overall agenda. Possible agenda for NTNCs preconference meeting was kicked around, and the idea of addressing prevention strategies plus treatment issues as they relate to increasing complexity of patients. Addressing this under the heading of “Prevention of Treatment Failure” with an emphasis placed on contacts, and LTBI in general, as well as MDR-TB was discussed; maybe an opening presentation on MDR-TB by an expert clinician (preferably someone who will be attending the conference anyway, to simplify honorarium/expense issues) followed by several case presentations. Kathy also suggested to Karen to review suggestions from last year’s conference, and also consider surveying local PHNs.
- **Progress re: Judy’s suggestion regarding NTNC drafting 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?** Still need to gather ideas and revisit at a later date.

VII. New Business –

- **Request Brenda Ashkar’s assistance in creating a formal written history of NTNC for archives.** The board agreed that this would be invaluable and Kathy will speak to Brenda about putting this together for either print, website, or both.
- **Need for By-Laws Committee?** As above, the board agreed that there is a need for a By-Laws committee review related to dues and **elections**. Carol will put Dawn on the next NTCA agenda to discuss the above mentioned dues and ballot/elections issues.
- **“Affordable Care Act and TB Control” meeting 10/7/10 – Dawn Farrell** See Executive Director’s report above.
- **Update website to reflect current committees?** As above, Larry will ask Jennifer to update website listing.

VIII. Next Meeting – November 24, 2010

IX. Adjourn