

## **The Big City Discussion and Objective**

Background: ACET recommended that DTBE and NTCA review the direct funding for 10 "big cities"

Objectives - To determine the future of direct TB cooperative agreement funding for 10 "big cities"

### Methods:

1. To develop consensus on cohort of "big cities" (i.e. Table 45 vs Table 46 of the TB Surveillance report) - review pros and cons
2. To develop consensus of data elements for review of cohort of "big cities"
3. To calculate the numbers based on data elements from # 2 above
  - a. Suggestion for reviewing incident cases, MDR and TB/HIV surveillance data for past 3 years to select top 20 cities based on Table 45
  - b. Run the existing formula with weights (excluding B1, B2) on these top 20 cities to compare and then select top 10 cities
  - c. Also, run the complete existing formula (excluding B1, B2) for the currently existing top 10 cities

Outcome: Should be one of the following three outcomes:

1. The workgroup recommends future direct TB cooperative agreement funding for new group of 10 "big cities" based on analysis under methods
2. The workgroup recommends all future TB cooperative agreement funding to go to states and then the states develop their own specific funding distribution formula in collaboration with their city/county/jurisdiction partners.
3. The workgroup recommends status quo and continue future of direct TB cooperative agreement funding for currently existing 10 "big cities"

Once we have the recommendation from the workgroup related to this issue, we should present it to ACET, NTCA and DTBE-OD to make sure that everyone is aware of the consequences of the suggested recommendation and are on board before we implement anything.

Timeline - No later than August 31, 2008