

**NTCA FY2010 Funding Formula Workgroup
Conference call – March 19, 2008 (3:15-4pm ET)**

Workgroup members in attendance: Jim Cobb, Marie Dorsinville, Angelito Bravo, Kim Fields, Kathy Moser, Phil Griffin, Charles Wallace, Stuart McMullen, Pat Infield, Carol Pozsik, Greg Andrews, Angela Starks, Beverly Metchock, Denise Ingman, Phil Talboy, Kashef Ijaz, Joe Scavotto, Barry Dickman.

Absent: Tom Shinnick, Dave Wilson, Andy Heetderks, Dan Dohony, Heather Duncan,

- Phil Griffin called the meeting to order
- **MDRTB** Follow up action on Drug resistance/treatment
 - **Primary pros** giving effort, length of time, and follow-up
 - Homeless Population
 - Substance Abuse- Increases case management, adherence, field work, and incident cases
 - **Negatives**
 - Homeless Population
 - Substance Abuse- concern about accuracy of definition of homelessness, and intensifying contact investigation
 - Incident Cases
 - Non-counted cases are not counted
 - Suspects not accounted for and take the same amount of effort as confirmed and counted cases that are reported
 - Case count goes down-funding goes down-concern about funding reductions, especially for areas that do good TB control
 - US-born Minority
 - Hispanics- documented under this category
 - Concern about accuracy of the element, how it is defined
 - Disparity issue-African Americans
 - Foreign-born
 - FB needs to be an element
 - Class 1/B1/B2
 - Concern about new and old definition categories
 - Data input – EDN – Challenges of:
 - Some States using and states not (inconsistencies)
 - Accuracy and completeness of data reported back by the states
 - Determining who needs to send documents/data and who doesn't

- HIV Infection
 - Completion of data-not reporting patient level on HIV for all patients (i.e. infected and non-infected) by some reporting areas due to state/area specific regulations

- MDR-TB
 - Variable defined as MDR only, does not take into account any drug resistance
 - Does not distinguish between MDR & XDR
 - Crosses budget period
 - Solution maybe to increase the weights applied to the variable

- Formula
 - Some concern about factors not weighed accordingly and may need to re-assign weights
 - Implications for funding based on reduction in incident cases
 - Group recognized that formulas cannot be perfect
 - Implications for more cost to do business in different geographical locations
 - Missing elements, such as suspects etc that are not reported
 - No element for representing State funds for TB control

- Discussion ended on determining the next meeting and the discussion of “dream list” of elements to be added.