

NTCA FY2010 Funding Formula Workgroup
Conference call – July 23, 2008 (3-4pm ET)

Workgroup members present: Phil Griffin, Angelito Bravo, Kashef Ijaz, Pat Infield, Iram Bakhtawar, Charles Wallace, Barry Dickman, Tiffany Harris, Joe Scavotto, Margaret Oxtoby, Dave Wilson, Heather Duncan, Masa Narita, Carol Pozsik, Denise Ingman, Beverly Metchok, Angela Starks, Stuart McMullen, Kathy Moser

- Phil Griffin called the meeting to order. Kashef Ijaz stated that Drew will be unable to attend the call today. He will hopefully be able to attend the call on July 30th.
- There are two parts of the first objective left to address:
 - 1) Whether or not to use B1/ B2 as a variable in the formula (to be addressed next week)
 - 2) What percent redistribution to roll out in 2010
- The percentage of base to redistribution was 80/20 in 2005 and 65/235 in 2008. An additional 5% is redistributed per year. In 2010, it is proposed that the redistribution be 55/45 and 40/60 in 2013. The goal is to eventually get to 100% redistribution because the purpose of the formula is to realign funding based on the changing epidemiology of TB over time. There are pros and cons to accelerating the redistribution rate. The group voted on the 55/45 redistribution rate for 2010. All eight workgroup member voting were in favor. None were opposed. The lab representatives abstained from voting. The workgroup recommends that the 55/45 redistribution rate will remain until 2013. Phil Griffin will send out a Dear Colleague letter.
- It is proposed that whether or not Hold Harmless is helping programs or costing them money should be addressed. Specific issues like Hold Harmless that effect low incidence states will be addressed at a later time.
- Objective 2 will be addressed when objective 1 has been fully completed. The workgroup will meet next week if Drew is available. Notification that there will be no meeting will go out in the event that Drew is unable to make it.