



National Tuberculosis Controllers Association Executive Board Conference Call Minutes May 21, 2009

I. Attendees

- A. Jim Cobb, Phil Griffin, Carol Pozsik, Denise Ingman, Deb Sodt, Kim Field, Kathy Hursen, Pat Infield, Cristie Chesler, Shea Rabley, Ron Karpick, Allan Lynch, Jon Warkentin, Charles Wallace, Iram Bakhtawar
- B. CDC Staff: Phil Talboy, Kashef Ijaz, Heather Duncan, Dawn Tuckey
- C. Guests: None

II. NTCA Board Discussion Items

- A. Secretary's Report – Denise Ingman
 - There were no comments on the April minutes; it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report – Carol Pozsik (in Kristin Rounds's absence)
 - Balances of the following were reported and accepted: savings account, checking account, TB Walk funds. (Note that TB Walk funds are not NTCA funds.)
 - The majority of the checking account balance is from registrations for the June conference.
 - The savings account balance primarily member dues.
 - The treasurer's report was accepted by consensus.
- C. NTNC Report – Kathy Hursen
 - There was a low return on the election required to change the by-laws, so a second notice was sent out to members.
 - During the annual business meeting in June the group will be discussing TB physician and nursing shortages and the lack of "holding" places for TB cases when needed.
- D. NSTC Report – Ron Karpick
 - The agenda for the annual meeting is being finalized.
 - Ron and Jon Warkentin are meeting with Romel Lacson of the TB PhotoVoice project to determine how we can partner with them. Romel is coming to work at DTBE and there is a possibility that NSTC could be developing a project with them.
- E. Special Projects Report – Jennifer Kanouse
 - Jennifer, Sherry Brown, and Carol Pozsik are preparing for the conference.
 - The NTCA interjurisdictional directory is being updated.
 - There have been PayPal issues to be resolved.

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- She is also working on a new membership application, the workforce development committee, and the profiles project with Kashef Ijaz and Phil Griffin.

F. President's Report – Phil Griffin

- Phil is editing an annual report that will be distributed at the annual meeting in June. All board members need to submit a short bio and all committee/workgroup chairs need to submit a description and update on their group work.
- Comments were requested on the annual meeting draft agenda. There were no comments, and the draft was accepted.

G. Executive Director's Report – Carol Pozsik

- Over 400 have registered for the meeting, and there will likely be 100 more when CDC registers. Problems with hotel registrations have been dealt with. Allan Lynch is unable to attend the annual retreat.
- Carol has been working with the Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) group on this grant titled "Translating Genotyping into Practice." There was a problem with the Grants.gov process that affected nine separate grants' online grant submission, so all applicants were allowed to submit paper applications.

H. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- PCSI Update – Jim Cobb
At the recent PCSI meeting the TB group presented information on past collaboration with HIV programs. A larger meeting will be scheduled in Atlanta to continue discussions. Kashef commented that he attended and thought the workgroup outcomes were valuable.
- Model Law Update – Phil Griffin
The Board was reminded that everyone should submit comments. The law side of the group does not appear to understand public health issues. Heather Duncan, Mike Holcombe, and Phil Griffin will be meeting soon in Atlanta to discuss this further. Heather commented that this project should not have "gone down this road", but it did and they are trying to work with it. The final product will be delayed.

III. CDC Discussion Items

A. RTMCCs – Dawn Tuckey

- The session for the RTMCCs at the June conference is being formalized. Regional hospitalization for MDR-TB cases will be the main topic. Speakers will present the concept, and then the Centers will conduct breakout sessions by region.
- Jim Cobb and Charles Wallace commented that they hadn't heard anything about this concept from their Centers and thought it would be good if members were given the plan ahead of time. Carol Pozsik commented that if a plan for regionalization is in the works, NTCA needs to be involved from the beginning.

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- Dawn said she would send the proposal to Phil Griffin, who will distribute it. After it is presented in June, we may want to form a workgroup to be involved.

B. CoAg Fiscal Concerns– All

- At the previous meeting, CDC was asked what would happen to funds awarded in the CoAg for personnel when a state eliminates the position. There is a general feeling that some state administrators think the CoAg funds can be used for anything they want and that CDC/PGO has not done anything to enforce this.
- Heather contacted PGO about this but hasn't heard back. DTBE will follow up and make sure that PGO knows these situations are happening at the state level and at a broader level than just TB.
- We need PGO and DTBE to make a determination on this issue. Kim Field suggested with a new CDC director coming in, this would be a good issue to take to him.

IV. Next Meeting

The next NTCA conference call will be July 16, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Minutes submitted by Denise Ingman, NTCA Secretary.