



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition
Executive Board Conference Call Minutes
Date: June 17, 2016

Time: 8 PST; 9 MST; 10 CST; 11 EST

Call in number: 1-712-775-7300

Participant Pin: 493905#

- I. Welcome and Attendance Deborah
Present: Deborah Isaacks, Lisa True, Jennifer Kanouse, Lorna Will, Patty Woods, Midia Fulano
Absent: Pat Iyer, Traci Hadley

Deb thanked the committee and welcomed Patty as President elect. Deb stated her new role was to search for President elect and secretary for the upcoming year.
- II. Approval of Minutes Lisa
The Minutes from June NTNC meeting were read by Lisa and approved by the board
- III. Collaboration with NTCA Lorna/Jennifer
It was noted that instead of registration on separate RMTCC websites, the NTCA could be a single point registration for all RMTCCs. It would possibly require approval from the RMTCCs.
- IV. Webinars
 - Webinar Chair will continue in her position - she will look for lab presenters and presentations on labs.
 - Collaboration webinars are a work in progress at this time. Patty is in charge.
 - A question was raised as to whether Patty Woods should continue to head the education committee now that she is president elect of NTCA. It was suggested an email be sent out to the general membership to solicit interest for the position.
- V. Nurse Certification Workgroup
 - Currently hold monthly meetings
 - Currently working to put out a survey; to assess interest in the certification, the cost, and whether employers will pay for the certification.
 - Proposal at work to present to NTCA board – how much staffing resource will be needed to maintain this.
 - HIV peer resource has similar group. Presentation will be made to NTNC board first and then to NTCA.
 - Grant proposal to CDC includes the cost of a nurse

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VI. Public Health Accreditation

An email was sent out to see if TB accreditation could count for Public Health accreditation.

VII. NTCA Board Meeting Update

Lisa

- Next NTCA annual meeting may be late April or first week of May in ATL, GA, with the Association of Public Health Labs (APHL)
- Review of FDA letter to Qaigen regarding increased positives: Increased positives could be false positives
- Qaigen has addressed Endotoxins and has shut down one lab.
- Phil Griffin conducted a tour of some of the labs – Problem was heat source was one sided.

VIII. Other Business/Misc.

ALL

- Expanded board representation: The board discussed that it still needs representation for big cities and territories
- Membership list serv for people to pose questions: It was noted that there are some technologies currently available for discussion lists that only require simple emails to enlist, they also keep archives.
- The board discussed that a disclaimer or rules of engagement statement will be needed – Jen and Lorna will look into this.
- The board discussed the possibility that the list serv could be advertised as an advantage for NTNC membership
- List serv should be kept current and active
- For next meeting – updates from various committees should be discussed

Respectfully submitted

Midia Fulano, Secretary, June 17, 2016