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National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Executive Board Conference Call Minutes

Date: December 16, 2016

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

Call in number: 1-800-250-2600

Participant Pin: 56577601#

- I. **Welcome and Attendance** Lisa
Present: Lisa True, Jennifer Kanouse, Lorna Will, Patty Woods, Midia Fulano, Denise Hodges, Pat Iyer, Rosieo Agraz.
Absent: Traci Hadley
- II. **Approval of Minutes** Midia
The Minutes from October NTNC meeting were read by the secretary and approved by the board
- III. **Update on TB Nurse Conference planning** Pat
 - Agenda is ready – Theme is “On your own, but not alone” This is a resource mentoring theme for nurses that have little or no TB experience
 - Includes a lab piece
 - SNTC will present the coaching piece
 - Every plenary session will have a break out session
 - There will be panel that will answer questions: Most RMTCC’s will participate.
 - Participants will be able to submit questions beforehand for panel
 - Local nurse from GA will moderate
 - Registration will most likely start next week
 - NTNC committee members will bring gifts for raffle draw/give-away
- IV. **Update on Membership committee/Webinar** Lisa
 - Webinar is not ready, and will not happen in January 2017. Membership committee still has no chairperson.
 - Lorna stated that the Wisconsin TB Director is willing to present on labs, as she has had experience in the past. Could be done sometime in February. Priority is to get CEU’s approved.
 - Lorna suggested giving questions in advance.
 - Lisa will contact Eastern New Mexico University which has provided CEU’s for NTNC in the past to see if they would work with the committee.
 - A suggestion was made whether CEU certificate could be printed immediately after presentation

- During Registration, participants would be asked about NTNC membership. A list of nonmembers would then be generated to help solicit membership.

V. Update on TB Nurse certification

- Workgroup is asking that NTNC make a formal request to NTCA to request funding from CDC for a staff position. Request is 0.50 FTE for the first year and then reduced to 0.25FTE.
- *Justification for position:*
 - There is a lot of work that needs to be done and it requires an FTE.
 - TB nurse certification could help with LHD and State HD accreditation.
 - To maintain competence as too many TB nurses are retiring
- Pat reported that she had made a presentation to the NTCA in the past but there was not much interest.
- Denise suggested considering 0.5 FTE for 2 years, instead of 1 year
- Pat also suggested compiling a list of retired TB nurses from different states as justification for lost knowledge
- Donna suggested creating a timeline to create a visual picture of how long this work has been going on.

VI. Epi Outbreak Workgroup

Lisa

Request from Lisa Poscopella. The Society for epidemiology in TB Control (SETC) launched a new outbreak workgroup and they are looking for TB nurses who would like to join the group so they can have a broader perspective from others in TB control. The group has met once, and plans a second meeting in January. The proposed preliminary workgroup objectives are to:

- Develop processes through which programs can seek and receive informal consultation and access resources related to genotyping, clusters, and outbreak
- Establish a consensus definition(s) of “TB outbreak” (surveillance and operational) and identify related concerns
- Develop mechanisms for communication among Workgroup members, and communication/coordination between the Workgroup and other partners.

Rosieo Agraz – Big city rep expressed interest in joining the workgroup

VII. Other Business/Misc.

Lisa welcomed Rosieo – Big City representative to the committee. Rosieo gave a brief introduction of herself.

Meeting adjourned @ 12.06pm EST

Respectfully submitted
Midia Fulano, Secretary,
December 16, 2016