



## **National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Executive Board Conference Call Notes Date July 20, 2010**

### **I. Welcome and Attendance**

Members in attendance: Dawn Farrell, Kathleen Kolaski, Karen Farrell, Larry Niler, Judy Gibson.

### **II. Approval of Notes**

The May notes were approved with revisions and will be posted to the website.

### **III. NTCA Update:** Nothing reported.

### **IV. Executive Director Report from Carol Pozsik:** No report.

### **V. CDC Report from Judy Gibson**

-Health Reform: "Meaningful Use" regulation for electronic health records (EHR) will facilitate public health reporting by lab results entered into the EHR and reporting of patient symptoms for surveillance. Dr. Frieden, CDC Director, encourages the use of the Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community Guide) for evidence-based recommendations and the new NCHS Health Indicators Warehouse for national, state, and community health indicators to demonstrate program success.

-PEN/EWG meeting August 10-12, 2010 for program focal points. This meeting involves many NTNC members.

-CDC/ATSDR Nursing Workgroup (CNWG) White Paper being developed for the role of PHNs at CDC and state and local health departments: Source documents will include the public health Winnable Battles (Community Guide and Health Indicators) and APRN and Advanced Public Health Nursing (APHN) statements.

"Many nurses with advanced graduate nursing preparation practice in roles and specialties e.g., informatics, public health, education, or administration) that are essential to advance the health of the public but do not focus on direct care to individuals and, therefore, their practice does not require regulatory recognition beyond the Registered Nurse license granted by state boards of nursing. Like the four current APRN roles, practice in these other advanced specialty nursing roles requires specialized knowledge and skills acquired through graduate level education. Although extremely important to the nursing profession and to the delivery of safe, high quality patient care, these other

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advanced, graduate nursing roles, which do not focus on direct patient care, are not roles for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and are not the subject or focus of the Regulatory Model presented in this paper.

Nurses with advanced graduate nursing preparation practicing in roles and specialties that do not provide direct care to individuals and, therefore, whose practice does not require regulatory recognition beyond the Registered Nurse license granted by state boards of nursing may not use any term or title which may confuse the public, including advanced practice nurse or advanced practice registered nurse. The term advanced public health nursing however, may be used to identify nurses practicing in this advanced specialty area of nursing." Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education 2008 <http://www.aanp.org/NR/rdonlyres/56292A59-8240-449D-910D-EF331FC7DC86/0/FinalAPRNJointDialogueReport7708.pdf>

-CDC Brown Bag date 9/12/2010: Title/objectives need to be selected soon. NTNC Board members encouraged to select a focus area for the 2010-2011

work plan which may be used for the Brown Bag objectives, committee work, and the program for the 2011 annual meeting. Possible topics include: Severe Adverse Events Associated with Treatment for LTBI (MMWR 2010); TB and Substance Abuse: How to promote treatment adherence among person using illicit drugs or abusing alcohol (outbreak response articles and NTCA talk); Evaluation of DOT and VOT for TB treatment.

Regarding the application of research findings, participation and community of practice, Judy explained that the group, "Transferring Research into Practice" reviews studies of evidence-based practice, and we could use their work to look at applicable topics related to nursing. She also explained that there will be monetary incentives offered by Medicaid and Medicare for "meaningful use" reform of electronic records. As an example, health-care facility's stand-alone records need to be able to be shared with public health through HL7 messaging.

## **VI. Ongoing Business**

- A. The NTNC Bylaws amendment (cite Article V Section B Elections) suggested by the 2009-2010 Executive Committee to decrease time interval needed to conduct electronic elections requires NTCA Executive Board consideration and approval prior to membership approval. This amendment should be included in further NTCA discussions related to NTCA Bylaw changes.

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- B. Kathy reminded the board of the need to determine the composition of the Nominating Committee for next year's NTNC elections. The slate of candidates for 2011 should be finalized by the end of 2010 for submission and consideration. Candidates for nomination must meet the criteria in the NTNC Bylaws. Suggestion was made to include the RTMCCs for submission of qualified candidates within their regions.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Judy requested input from Exec. Bd. for focus of Brown Bag, which will likely be in the form of a webinar (and possibly for 2011 NTCA). Karen requested more info on VOT. Judy offered to provide info collected from several jurisdictions in 2005, and Larry offered to provide Utah protocol. Judy also suggested referring to talk at 2010 NTCA regarding TB and Substance Abuse, and announced that the Div. of TBE chose this as one of two topics being funded for further research. Kathy reminded the board that credentialing/standards of practice was part of last year's ongoing business. The board agreed with Judy that this would be a good way to identify a focus for the coming year, to provide expertise to state TB Controllers and others; this could help solidify NTNC's role within NTCA. The board agreed to take the suggested topics under consideration, and vote for the topic(s) of choice.
- B. Board decided to gain the approval of Jennifer and Carol to invite the committees to voluntarily submit their minutes for board review and web posting. Once approved, Larry will email the chairs. Minutes should be received by Larry within 10 days of the next board meeting for consideration.
- C. Dawn reminded the board that criteria for NTNC's annual nursing award needs updating. Dawn will locate notes from last year and forward to Larry for distribution to the board. Kathy offered to provide a copy if necessary.
- D. Dawn will contact Regina or Sherry at CDC for results of this year's conference evals, in order to help decide on the focus for the 2011 meeting.
- E. Future meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to follow NTCA's monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday). Meetings will be held at 1p – 3p CST. The June meeting notes will be approved at the August meeting.

## **VIII. Adjournment**