



National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Executive Board Conference Call Notes October 16, 2009

I. Welcome and Attendance

Members in attendance: Kathleen Kolaski, Dawn Farrell, Tammy McKenna, Kathleen Hursen, Judy Gibson, Ellen Murray, Pat Iyer (Graduate nursing student working with Massachusetts Department of Health).

II. Approval of Notes

The September 2009 notes were approved as written.

III. NTCA Update

No report.

IV. Executive Director Report from Carol Pozsik

No report.

V. CDC Report from Judy Gibson

A. Regional TB Controllers Meetings

- The Southeastern region will be meeting in Biloxi next week.
- The 4 Corners meeting sponsored by New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Indian Health Services is coming up later this month. Judy will be presenting information on program evaluation, collaboration and building capacity which highlights the pivotal role that nurses can have in this process.
- The Southwestern Regional TB Controllers meeting will follow at the end of October.

B. CDC TB Program Managers course will be held November 2-6, 2009.

C. Program Collaboration and Services Integration (PCSI)

- Nurses representing the National Centers for HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at CDC working with Georgia public health nursing leaders created a 5-program template to facilitate public health population-based education and training for student nurses in schools of nursing in the state of Georgia. The templates are being distributed to the Georgia schools of nursing.

VI. Old Business

A. Update from Nominating Committee/Potential Candidates

- No report.

B. NTCA Annual Conference Planning Update

- Still planning content. Some suggested topics include program evaluation, high-risk communities. QuantiFERON uses to improve your TB program, RVCT updates, etc. No theme as of yet. Kathy Kolaski will keep the Board posted.

C. Website Report

- The June 2009-September 2009 NTNC meeting notes have been sent to Jennifer Kanouse for posting.

D. Committee Reports

- Jan Young/Gayle Shack: Kathy Kolaski reported for Jan and Gayle. Goal is to have the manual ready for distribution by June 2010 at the annual meeting, members recruited. A timeline has been implemented. Chapters have written and been reviewed by the Editorial board and some chapters have be reassigned. 1st draft of all chapters due by December and will be reviewed by the Editorial board in January for approval.
- Judy Gibson: Informatics -has not met recently. Judy will meet with the Board next month. The committee needs a co-chair and other interested participants to contact Judy if interested in joining this committee. the committee plan is to prepare for the 2010 brown bag presentation on use of the Matrix of Performance Measures to improve TB treatment adherence.

E. National TB Nurse Certification Workgroup

- Ellen Murray will be working with the ANCC POC Barbara Farrington for further guidance on the certification process.
- She has identified committee members as: Judy Gibson, Kathy Kolaski, Dawn Farrell, Tammy McKenna, Debbie Onofre, Sara Hoffman, Gail Denkins, and Pat Iyers.
- Email communication will begin soon to set up meeting schedules and other necessary information.

F. Update on Publication of 2008-2009 Nurse Survey

- Kathy Hursen reported that she will send out the draft of the introduction at the end of the month.
- Kathy is still looking for suggestions as to what type of publication source is most appropriate.

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- Much discussion ensued about the value of public health nursing versus other disciplines in the delivery of TB nursing services and the literature available to support it.

VII. New Business

A. New Projects

- Awards Committee: Defer until next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Eastern Time.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.