



## **National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Executive Board Conference Call Notes November 19, 2009**

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

Members in attendance: Kathleen Kolaski, Dawn Farrell, Tammy McKenna, Judy Gibson.

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

The October 2009 notes were approved as written.

### **III. NTCA Update**

A. Arkansas TB Controller Iram Bakhtowar has resigned from her position. Iram served as a mid-incidence state representative on the NTCA Board. The board will fill her vacant position on the Board in the near future.

B. RMTCCs will be contacting each state for an evaluation of their performance objectives and services.

C. NTCA Program Profile Project will be resuming activities. Information will be collected on each states:

1. ARPE data
2. Administrative structure
3. Funding and costs based on grants
4. Inventory of positions

This information will help strengthen and build advocacy for the programs

### **IV. Executive Director Report from Carol Pozsik**

No report.

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

A. Brown Bag was held on November 19, 2009, discussing program evaluation/ NTIP/Cohort review.

B. TB Notes: Reminder that TB Notes is a great mechanism for communication. Judy shared the handout with the criteria for submission.

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## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Update from Nominating Committee/Potential Candidates**

- Kathy Hursen is in the process of contacting potential candidates.

### **B. NTCA Annual Conference Planning Update**

- The conference is scheduled for June 21-24, 2010, at the Crowne Ravinia. NTNC will meet Monday, June 21st, 8:30-2:30 followed by the TB Controllers meeting 3:00-5:30.
- Keynote speaker has not been determined at this time.
- Topics include: legal resources, IGRAs, funding issues, roles of RMTCCs, TB & Diabetes, NTIP and evaluation, Global TB issues, LTBI, and many more.

### **C. Two other additional issues surrounding the Annual Conference have been discussed as it relates to**

- Change of venue to accommodate the increasing attendees
- Role of APHL as a partner with NTCA

### **D. NTCA Annual Report**

- Kathy Kolaski will submit a summary of the accomplishments to contribute to the NTCA Annual Report by mid-December. Please send any comments to Kathy by early December.

### **E. Website Report**

- Executive Board Conference notes for the June annual meeting, July, August, and September 2009 are posted on the NTNC website.

### **F. Committee Reports**

- No reports.

### **G. Other**

- A discussion was held of the draft statement for the Future-of-Nursing-Blog to Dr Shalala related to the nursing shortage in TB Control.
- A suggestion was made to consult with Carol Pozsik (NTCA) for her input and before response is sent.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. New Projects**

- Awards Committee: Defer until next meeting.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

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**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2009, 11:00 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.