

TB Nurse Network Meeting

4/20/2016

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST

Minutes

Erin Radke (*Allegan County HD*); Kathi Tennis (*Allegiance Health*); Sue Hudson (*Baker College of Flint*); Jennifer Casarez (*Barry-Eaton District HD*); Cheryl DiPerna (*Beaumont Health System*); Pam Quinn (*Berrien County HD*); Angie Schooley (*BOL*); Janet Potvin (*District HD #10, Wexford County*); Bonnie Childs (*Genesee County HD*); Christine Greer (*Genesee Health System*); Kim White (*Grand Traverse County HD*); Ruby Rogers, Deneen Gallagher, Missy Endres, Sugandha Lowhim (*Ingham County HD*); Tracy Payne (*Jackson County HD*); Linda Van Eck (*Kent County HD*); Julie Langdon, Linda Helm (*Lakeland Health*); Peter Davidson, Shona Smith, Helen McGuirk (*MDHHS*); Josh Langdon, Tamerla Hamilton, Shannon Martin (*MDOC*); Sue Lennon (*Mid-Michigan District HD*); Robin Opfermann (*Monroe County HD*); Linda Scott (*Muskegon County HD*); Sue Keen, Julie Kwiper (*Ottawa County HD*); Dawn Smith (*Spectrum Health*); Karen Hoover (*St. Mary's of Michigan*); Dawn Ramsey (*Sturgis Hospital*); Julie Beeching (*Van Buren-Cass County District HD*); Mary McCloud, Karen Manning (*Washtenaw County Public HD*); Nnenna Wachuku (*Wayne County HD*);

Total Attendance: 35

I. Announcements

a. Next meeting:

- Wednesday July 20th, 2016. 10-12 PM
- Physical location in Lansing TBD
- Please send topics/ideas/cases you would like to present on.

b. Recently Archived Webinars:

- Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center (SNTC)
 - i. Grand Rounds: "Maximizing Rifamycins" Charles Peloquin, Pharm.D.
 - ii. Archived [here](#)
- Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis
 - i. "TB Diagnostics in 2016: Landscape, Priorities, Needs, Market"
 - 1. Archived [here](#)
 - ii. "TB and the Homeless" – Dr. Kissner
 - 1. Archived [here](#)
- NTNC (National TB Nurse Coalition – within the NTCA)
 - i. "It's Never Just TB: TB and Alcoholism"
 - ii. Webinar slides available [here](#)

c. Upcoming Webinars:

- Rutgers Global TB Institute
 - i. "Tuberculosis in the School Setting: Collaborations in Care"

- ii. Wed May 4 2016
 - iii. Course if full, but will be archived [here](#)
- Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis
 - iv. “TB in the Federal Corrections System: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities”
 - v. Wed May 11, 1-2 PM EST
 - vi. Register for this and other webinars [here](#)
- d. Online Trainings
 - Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center: Self-Paced Training
 - i. [“Treating LTBI in Special Situations”](#)
 - ii. Drug resistance, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, infants and children, pregnancy, renal failure, TNF-antagonists and transplantation
 - iii. 4.0 CE credits, no registration needed, complete at any time
- e. Online Materials:
 - MDHHS 2016 World TB Day Conference
 - i. If you didn’t attend, or attended and want more information go to our website: www.michigan.gov/tb. There are:
 1. PowerPoint presentations
 2. Conference Resource Packet
- f. Upcoming Events:
 - TB Nursing Certification Course
 - i. 1.5 days of course material plus optional TST/TTT workshop for those who need to certify/re-certify
 1. Let us know if you want to be an instructor
 - ii. Dates TBD: between June 29th and July 1st
 - iii. Okemos, MI, MPHI campus
 - iv. Topics will include: dealing with discordant TST and IGRA results, immigrant refugee guidance, occupational screening for TB, interpreting IGRA results, TB lab overview, legal aspects of active TB, travel and flight exposures, TB in the prison population, TB screening in non-traditional facilities, LTBI treatment regimens.
 - TB Tri-State Intensive
 - i. Audience: Public health professionals in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio
 - ii. Hosted by MDHHS TB Unit and the Mayo Clinic
 - iii. Dates TBD: late September – early October
 - iv. Dearborn, MI Arab American History Museum
 - v. Considering approximately 1.5 days of material and 1 half day of community practicum.

II. Case Presentation

- a. Missy Endres, RN, BSN and Sugandha Lowhim, MD, MPH from Ingham County Health Department
 - b. "TB vs. Sarcoidosis: Which Came First?"
- III. Updates from the NTCA TB Conference
- a. Peter Davidson and Shona Smith
- IV. Open Forum
- a. Someone posed a hypothetical question to us a few months ago so we thought we'd ask the TBNN what their thoughts are on this situation:
 - i. "If a TB patient, recently discharged to home health care, has a PEG tube, should the public health nurse still be the only person responsible for DOT?"
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Family or homecare nurse will maintain the PEG
 - ii. Some medicines can be crushed and dissolved into liquids or come in liquid form, however it's important to know pharmokinetic information about all the medicines you are administering. Some are slow-release and should never be crushed/dissolved.
 - iii. Most agreed that a DOT nurse should be present when the medicines are administered. A DOT nurse does not necessarily need to administer the meds, but should OBSERVE.
 - iv. Some family members who are caring for the patient can be trained to administer the meds, as they are already caring for the maintenance of the PEG before and after feeding and other medicine administration. This decision should be up to the DOT nurse and how comfortable they feel with the family doing this.
 - v. Legally in the state of Michigan nurses can administer meds through many routes, PEG tube being one of them.
 - vi. It was also noted that anyone who is administering meds and not credentialed to do so is the legal responsibility of the nurse they are working under.