



TB Wire

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SPECIAL STOP TB USA MEETING ON 2/24/2011

There was a thorough update and discussion on **Stop TB USA** and on FY U.S. 2011 & 2012 TB-related domestic and global appropriations and related advocacy and education efforts at a special **Stop TB USA** luncheon session in Vancouver, BC, on February 24 at the Annual Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease North American Region (IUATLD-NAR).

TB APPROPRIATIONS AND FUNDING

The American Thoracic Society's Nuala Moore reported on appropriations and funding. The President's proposed detailed FY2012 Budget proposes \$143,572,000 for CDC's TB program, a \$1,475,000 cut. The House and Senate have not yet begun action on the FY2012 spending bill.

On February 18, 2011, the House of Representatives passed a FY2011 spending bill that would impose major cuts to health research and services funding. Specifically the House-passed bill included a 17% cut for CDC, a 5% cut for NIH, elimination of funding for health care reform, and an 8% cut for USAID. The action now turns to the Senate for a counter proposal and negotiations between the Senate and the House on a compromise for final FY 2011 funding. We do not yet know what the specific funding level will be for CDC's TB Program (which includes the TB Cooperative Agreements to States) but an overall 17% reduction to CDC would mean a very significant reduction for the Program (estimated up to a 10% cut). We also do not know the amount proposed for USAID's Global TB Program under the House-passed bill, but estimated it would be at least a 4 percent cut. The Congress must pass the FY2011 spending bill before the current temporary funding bill for all government expires. (Note: On March 2, the Congress passed a two-week extension of current federal spending levels along with \$4 billion in additional cuts. The President signed this extension that will expire on March 18.) The outlook for compromise is unclear. If the Congress does not pass a compromise FY2011 appropriations bill by March 18, they will either have to pass another temporary continuation bill or the government shuts down.

ACTION: Call your Senator now and urge them to oppose drastic cuts to CDC and TB in the final 2011 spending bill. Please make your call now. Call the Capitol switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 and give them the name of your state and ask for your Senator(s). Suggested the following "talking points" for these calls:

- **"Put a face" on TB – tell brief patient story**
- TB is a problem for border states – CA & TX and elsewhere
- TB program cutbacks can cause TB resurgence – 1990's
- There are very high treatment costs for drug resistant TB
- New tools investment is needed – antiquated diagnostics, drugs & vaccines
- Provide your State/local data on TB, MDR, XDR, deaths

For further information:

- **Contact Nuala Moore at ATS at NMoore@thoracic.org**
- **Check <http://www.stoptbusa.org/> for updates and alerts**
- **Use ATS website www.thoracic.org, click on advocacy, to find your member of Congress.**

Nuala Moore also reported that special Congressional Briefings on TB are scheduled for 3/24 in the Senate and 3/29 in the House.

Discussion

Participants in this Vancouver meeting talked about their participation in RESULTS advocacy visits where participants effectively work to educate Congressmen and Senators about the TB problems and the need for resources to control and eliminate the disease – domestically and globally. They talked about the importance of identifying TB patients and their family members who may be willing to help educate legislators and the public about the TB problems to help put a “human face” on this serious issue. Carol Pozsik of the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) spoke about the NTCA TB Advocacy Committee calls that take place on Fridays and welcome all interested in advocacy to join in on these calls. (For information on the calls, send e-mail to: cpozsik@tbcontrollers.org)

Stop TB USA ACTIVITIES

Stop TB USA Partnership Chair John Bernardo updated attendees on the recent Partnership Retreat where participants recommended forming a “TB Patient Forum,” linked to a group like TB Photovoice or internet-based services, Twitter, etc., to provide opportunity for patients, Public Health, and providers to communicate with each other and to educate others about TB. The Retreat Group also recommended a new organizational structure for the partnership with a broad-based Coordinating Board to replace the current Steering Committee. Participants also recommended establishing a Stop TB USA Communications Committee. In an initial approach to implement recommendations of the new Elimination Plan, the Retreat group proposed developing collaborations with high TB-risk communities and Community Health Centers to focus on TB prevention in high-risk populations. This has been the subject of a number of recent follow up conference calls. The Retreat Group also discussed various strategies to attract funding support from foundations, organizations, and others to help support the Patient Forum and other Elimination activities. The Pittsfield (MA) Anti-Tuberculosis Association was acknowledged for a generous contribution to support the TB Patient Forum. We actively are seeking funding, and we plan to ask for people to join a Working Group for fund-raising, with related time lines. ATS will be setting up a procedure for member donations to ATS for the **Stop TB USA** Partnership and we can put a related plea for voluntary contributions through ATS on the Partnership’s website. The Coordinating Board and the Patient Group will be implemented in the near future. The Retreat Group also discussed establishing a 5 year plan: in years 1-2, a Structure Workgroup would be created to put together a new structure to support the **Stop TB USA** Partnership in the future. Coordinating Board members would be charged to work in groups to change the structure and get related approvals at the next annual Partnership meeting, scheduled for mid-June 2011.

WORLD TB DAY IS MARCH 24.

Worldwide, TB remains one of the leading causes of death from infectious disease. An estimated 2 billion persons (i.e., one third of the world’s population) are infected with M. tuberculosis. World TB Day is observed each year on March 24 to commemorate the date in 1882 when Robert Koch announced the discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacterium that causes TB. World TB Day provides an opportunity to communicate TB-related problems and solutions and to support worldwide TB-control efforts. We encourage you to plan and become involved in World TB Day activities in your community. A number of World TB Day-related resources and related information are available at our partner websites:

CDC World TB Day Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/default.htm>

A large number of World TB Day Activities are planned for cities and states across the USA. These events will be continually added to the website on this map when available at the CDC website as we approach March 24. Check this website for events in your area:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/2011/activities.htm>

More Resources for WTD: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/events/WorldTBDay/resources.htm>

State TB Control Offices: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/links/tboffices.htm>

Stop TB Global Partnership: <http://www.stoptb.org/events/default.asp?EID=411>

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS

The CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs) provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide training and technical assistance for TB program staff. The Centers are regionally assigned to cover all 50 states and U.S. territories. **(Regional Tuberculosis Training and Medical Consultation Centers are obligated to prioritize participants from within their respective regions for training courses - but they may accept applicants from all areas when there is available space.)** Updated information about upcoming TB training courses and available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website. Listed below are some of the upcoming training courses and new products.

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California. Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682. (This Center serves the Western Region which consists of fifteen jurisdictions: Alaska, California (including Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco), Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the U.S. Pacific Island Territories. The Center welcomes inquiries from Western Region partners regarding training, educational products, technical assistance, and medical consultation.)

What Do We Know About LTBI? April 27, 2011. Sacramento, CA (in association with CTCA Educational Conference). This one day didactic and case-based seminar is intended for physicians, nurses, TB program managers, and other licensed medical care providers who manage latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) patients. For more information check the following website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/ltbi2011.cfm>

California TB Controllers Annual Educational Conference. April 28-29. Sacramento, California. This year's conference will focus on health care reform and its impact on public health. More information at this website: <http://ctca.org/conferences/index.html>

Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive. May 4-5, 2011. Seattle, WA. Two-day intensive course for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. Look for additional information at: http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule_2011.cfm

Nurse Case Management Workshop. May 6, 2011. Seattle, WA. This is a one-day update for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and other licensed medical care providers who work with tuberculosis patients. Look for additional information to be provided at: http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/schedule_2011.cfm

AVAILABLE -TB EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT: *Asking the Right Questions: A Visual Guide to Tuberculosis Case Management for Nurses.* This is an educational toolkit useable for self-paced learning or for a combination of facilitated classroom and self-paced learning. The Target Audience: Nurses in the public and private health sectors; Outreach workers; Healthcare workers in facilities where cases are found; and Community-based providers who may identify TB suspects or help to treat patients with TB. Learners can use the *Asking the Right Questions* educational toolkit for their own self-paced study or to train others to: prompt critical thinking about TB case management; find relevant basic national training materials; and to get an overview of the full TB case management timeline. For additional information: http://nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/products/product_details.cfm?productID=ONL-14

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida: Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Medical Consultation: 1-800-4TB-INFO (1-800-482-4636). (This Center serves the Southeastern Region which consists of: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin islands.)

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course. 3/7/2011 - 3/10/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: SNTC and Affiliate Faculty. Cost: \$300.00. This four-day training program will familiarize the clinician with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Course objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at

A.G. Holley State Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S. Register at the following website:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/289dff07669d7a23de0ef88d2f7129e7>

TST Train-the-Trainer Course. 3/11/2011 - 3/11/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: Karen Farrell, RN, BSN, RM and Denise Dodge, RN. Cost: \$50.00. Format: On Location. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content included skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice their skills Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/6c9882bbac1c7093bd25041881277658>

Tuberculin Skin Test Train-the Trainer: 4/14/2011 - 4/14/2011. Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern. Location: Raleigh, North Carolina. Cost: No Charge. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content included skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice their skills. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants from the southeastern region; with 35 spots reserved for North Carolina staff. Five spots are available for participants from other states within the southeastern region.

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course. 6/6/2011 - 6/9/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: SNTC and Affiliate Faculty. Cost: \$300.00. Format: On Location. This four-day training program will familiarize clinicians with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at A.G. Holley State Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S. Register at: <https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/01161aaa0b6d1345dd8fe4e481144d84>

TST Train-the-Trainer: 6/10/2011 - 6/10/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: Karen Farrell, RN, BSN, RM and Denise Dodge, RN. Cost: \$50.00. This one-day skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach, and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course content includes skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice their skills. Register at:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/19f3cd308f1455b3fa09a282e0d496f4>

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course: Date: 9/12/2011 - 9/15/2011. Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern. Location: A.G. Holley State Hospital. Instructor/speaker: SNTC and Affiliate Faculty. Cost: \$300.00. Format: On Location. This four-day training program will familiarize the clinician with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Course objectives are accomplished through a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case management discussions. The course is conducted at A.G. Holley State Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S.

AVAILABLE – NEW TB EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT: *Country Guides for Peru and South Korea.* These Guides provide background information, epidemiology, common misperceptions and beliefs about TB and

HIV/AIDS, general practices and cultural courtesies for Peru and South Korea. A PDF of the guides can be downloaded from the SNTC's website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Products.aspx>

New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute, Newark, N. J. Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627. Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm> (This Center serves the Northeastern region which includes: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia and the cities of Baltimore, Detroit, New York City and Philadelphia.)

Fighting TB in New York City: Innovations and Challenges. March 23, 2011, at Lighthouse International, Benay Venuta Hall, 111 East 59th Street, New York City, New York. In commemoration of World TB Day, this conference will bring together over 200 health care providers and TB experts to address TB control efforts in New York City as well as cover testing and outreach strategies with TB suspects and patients. Topics will include: epidemiology of TB in New York City, prioritization of high-risk groups, hospital discharge planning, and diagnostic testing. The entire afternoon session will be dedicated to the use of interferon gamma release assays. The 2011 World TB Day Theme is "Innovation" and it reminds us to scale up efforts and continue to seek new and innovative ways to stop TB in NYC. This conference is open to providers (pulmonary, infectious disease, community health, infection control) and health care workers who manage patients at risk for or diagnosed with TB. This conference will provide a forum for learning this information as well as for discussion among colleagues. For more information, check the following website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2011/wtbd2011.html>

AVAILABLE – NEW TB EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT: *Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results: Experiences from the Field*: The NJMS Global Tuberculosis Institute is pleased to announce our new product, *Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results: Experiences from the Field*. **The 30-minute DVD and Discussion Guide** were produced with our partners in the New England Federal Training Center Collaboration (New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center, Region I Title X Family Planning Training Center, New England AIDS Education Training Center, and the Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center). This video combines real stories from providers delivering rapid HIV test results and clients learning their HIV test results, as well as scripted vignettes that illustrate key points. It is designed so that it can be used both for individual study as well as in a group learning setting. The video comes with an accompanying discussion and resource guide.

TB INTENSIVE WORKSHOP: April 12-14, 2011. CNE/CME Certified activity. New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute 225 Warren St. 1st Floor Newark, New Jersey. This workshop is designed for physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals who are involved in the management of patients with TB, supervise those who provide care for TB patients, or are TB control staff responsible for program management. Application deadline: April 1, 2011. For more information check this website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2011/tbintensive-april.html>

New England TB Clinicians Conference: Date: May 7. Location: Lenox, MA. This annual one day conference is intended for MDs, NPs, and PAs. Topics covered will include new diagnostics, genotyping, TB in the homeless population, TB & pregnancy, TB/HIV co-infection, TB & diabetes, TNF-alpha antagonists, and case presentations. The format includes lectures, discussion, and case presentations. For more information, please contact Nickolette Patrick at npatrick@hria.org, (617) 279-2240.

Effective Interviewing for TB Contact Investigation. Time: May 24-26. Newark, New Jersey. This interactive three-day course will provide healthcare workers who interview tuberculosis patients with the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct an interview for contact investigation. The course covers the principles of effective communication, interviewing, and contact investigation related to tuberculosis. The format includes lectures, group discussions, exercises, role playing and standardized patient interviews. For more information please contact Diane Lucas at 1-(973)-972-1261 or lucasde@umdnj.edu

For information about additional courses and products from this center check this website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas: Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org> FAX Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. FAX Administration/Training: 210-531-4590. (This Center serves the Southwestern region which includes the following states: [Arizona](#), [Illinois](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Mexico](#), [North Dakota](#), [Oklahoma](#), [South Dakota](#), [Texas](#), and [Wisconsin](#).)

TB Cohort Review. March 23, 2011. Phoenix, Arizona. [Registration open](#). This course is designed to assist county health departments, county jails/state prisons, and others working in correctional facilities to complete a thorough contact investigation and follow-up on persons identified as active cases of TB within a correctional facility, enable them to identify those infected, and determine the appropriate treatment for latent TB infection (LTBI) to ensure completion of therapy. Download: [PDF Brochure \(115 KB\) »](#) Contact: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu

TB in the Correctional Setting. March 24, 2011: Phoenix, AZ. [Registration open](#). This course is designed to assist county health departments, county jails/state prisons, and others working in correctional facilities to complete a thorough contact investigation and follow-up on persons identified as active cases of TB within a correctional facility, enable them to identify those infected, and determine the appropriate treatment for latent TB infection (LTBI) to ensure completion of therapy. Download: [PDF Brochure \(115 KB\) »](#) Contact: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu

Substance Abuse and Tuberculosis. April 27, 2011: Springfield, IL. [Registration open](#). This course is designed to share information and strategies to assist in the treatment and management of TB among patients that suffer from substance abuse. Download: [PDF Brochure \(423 KB\) »](#). Contact: jessica.waguespack@uthct.edu

National Webinar Series: Behavioral Aspects of Substance Abuse and the Impact on Managing TB. May 5, 12, 19, 2011; 12:00 – 1:30 pm CST. Contact: jessica.waguespack@uthct.edu

Contact Investigation. June 1-2, 2011: Independence, Missouri. Contact: jessica.waguespack@uthct.edu

TB Intensive. August 3-5, 2011: San Antonio, TX. November 30-December 2, 2011: San Antonio, TX. This course is designed for physicians and nurse experts who are actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk, of tuberculosis. Contact: mary.long@uthct.edu

Introduction to TB Nurse Case Management. July 14, 21, 28, 2011: **Online Course.** Contact: mary.long@uthct.edu

TB Nurse Case Management. November 2-4, 2011: San Antonio, TX. Contact: mary.long@uthct.edu

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