



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2004-05

I. Conferences and Meetings

1. October 18, 2004; Emeryville: TB Controllers Meeting; Media and Advocacy Trainings
2. November 17, 2004; Emeryville: Long Range Planning EC Meeting
3. May 12-13, 2005; Emeryville: Spring Conference: Preventing TB Transmission in the 20th Century; Keynote Speaker: Ken Castro, MD; TB Controllers Meeting; NAHPF Meeting; Collaboration with Curry National TB Center (CNTC), coordinated logistics and publicity for Conference and TB Case Management Workshop, May 11

II. Guidelines

1. Prevention and Control of TB in CA Long Term Care Facilities: to be presented for vote at TB Controllers Meeting, May 13 (Bob Benjamin, Sarah Royce)
2. Targeted Testing and Treatment of LTBI: draft approved by TBCB, pending final editing and approval by EC; submission to TB Controllers for electronic vote planned 6/05 (Allyson Tabor, Sundari Mase)
3. Renal Dialysis: final draft previously approved by EC, pending approval by TBCB; submission to TB Controllers for approval planned in October, 2005 (Bob Benjamin, Sarah Royce)
4. Guidelines Review Workgroup identified priorities for 2005-06: a. New Guidelines for Targeted Testing; 2. Revision of Guidelines for High Risk settings; 3. Revision of Treatment Guidelines regarding criteria for isolation of MDR patients; 4. Revision of Guidelines Review Protocol (Allyson Tabor, Tony Paz)

III. Long Range Planning

1. Special EC meeting to discuss long range planning issues November 17, 2004; EC meetings extended to 6 hours to allow time for follow-up discussion of these issues; key issues include organizational priorities, needs of both categories of members, feasibility of resuming future conferences twice a year, additional sources of funding, future of the Education Committee, volunteer recruitment
2. Developed mission statement, approved by EC: *“CTCA’s mission is the elimination of the threat of tuberculosis from California through leadership and the development of excellence in tuberculosis prevention and treatment.”*
3. Workplan for 2005-08 developed (attached)
4. Joint Planning Committee formed for joint CTCA/UNION-NAR Conference in February or March, 2008 (Charlie Crane, Tony Paz)

IV. Advocacy

1. Advocacy partners wrote letters and held meetings with US legislators and CA officials to request more rapid implementation of new CDC funding formula (in proportion to cases) (Bob Benjamin)

2. Strengthened partnership with RESULTS nationally and locally (Judith Thigpen)
 3. Strengthened partnership with ALAC to maintain funding for TB control as public policy priority (Barbara Cole)
 4. Letter published in Oakland Tribune on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2004, addressing importance of funding for TB activities (Bob Benjamin)
 5. World Stop TB Day, March 24, 2005 activities: at least 32 newspaper articles, 3 radio interviews, one TV interview (Advocacy Committee)
- V. Legislation
1. EC approved recommendations of Screening Workgroup to develop and introduce legislation to repeal all requirements for TB screening of school teachers; plan to present to CCLHO in June, 2005 and introduce legislation in 2005-06 session (Tony Paz)
 2. Approved curriculum for TST Training of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by local health jurisdictions, developed by CNTC, as required by SB 1847; plan to evaluate implementation, 2005-08 (Bob Benjamin)
- VI. Legal Orders
1. Legal Order Workgroup met with Public Health Institute, CCLHO CD Committee, CDHS Public Health Law Workgroup (PHLW) to revise legal memorandum from PHI regarding due process for recipients of orders for home isolation, work restriction; presented to TB Controllers May 13, 2005; then to PHLW June 1, 2005 (Charlie Crane, Bob Benjamin, Jan Young, Sarah Royce)
- VI. Infection Control
1. Attended meetings of a Cal OSHA committee to develop standard for TB infection control non-traditional settings (Kathy Moser)
- VIII. Laboratory Reporting
1. Developed fact sheet delineating laboratory reporting requirements for TB Controllers to use in discussions with lab directors (Karen Smith)
- IX. Web Site
1. Worked with a consultant to develop new logo; upgraded format and improved content of Web Site (Charlie Crane, Sam Stebbins)
 2. Worked with same consultant to develop revised format for Guidelines (Charlie Crane, Allyson Tabor)
- X. Bylaws
1. Submitted amendments to TBC Meeting for approval May 13, 2005, to include mission statement (Charlie Crane)