



## 8/11/09 TB WIRE

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Stop TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET). Please pass this on to colleagues interested in TB elimination.

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### **DOMESTIC TB APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE**

The Senate Appropriations Committee has reported out the FY10 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The Committee's recommended funding level for CDC TB activities is the same as the President's request and the same level as in the appropriations bill already passed by the House of Representatives: \$144,268,000 for FY10 CDC TB activities, a \$398,000 increase over FY 09.

This appropriations bill reported out by the Senate Appropriations Committee still has to be voted on by the full Senate. There was no special TB-related language in the Senate Committee report related to CDC funding but the report did say: "*Drug-resistant Tuberculosis [TB]*- The Committee urges the NIAID (The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) to expand and intensify research into developing new diagnostics, drugs, and vaccines to halt the spread of drug-resistant TB."

The House of Representatives FY10 report language stated: "The CDC Tuberculosis (TB) program provides grants to States and localities for a broad range of tuberculosis control activities. In addition, the CDC supports State and local laboratories and conducts research, epidemiological investigations, and education and training seminars.... *TB Administrative Grant Costs*.--The Committee is pleased that CDC is working with States, territories, and localities to ensure equitable TB funding to all jurisdictions through the distribution formula. The Committee encourages grantees to keep administrative costs at or below ten percent to ensure adequate funds to all jurisdictions in proportion to the number and complexity of TB cases..... *County Departments of Public Health*.--The Committee lauds CDC's efforts to improve and update the funding formula for TB treatment and education, but recognizes that county departments of public health should be included in stakeholder meetings on changes to the funding formula. The Committee directs CDC to reach out to and include stakeholders from county departments of public health suffering from a disproportionate number of TB cases to participate in and contribute to discussion groups involved in the creation of new administrative funding formulas."

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### **TWO DAYS LEFT TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NEW U.S. TB ELIMINATION PLAN!**

Your comments are invited and would be greatly appreciated. Download the Executive Summary (PDF document) at: <http://tbcontrollers.org/docs/TEP%20Executive%20Summary%200710ACET.pdf>  
Send your comments by August 13 to Dr. Randall Reves at [Randall.Reves@dhha.org](mailto:Randall.Reves@dhha.org)

(As reported in this newsletter, Stop TB USA is updating the national plan for TB elimination. The Executive Summary of the plan has been posted on the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) website for a **30-day comment period** July 13-August 13, 2009. This report "*A Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States*" was developed by the Stop TB USA TB Elimination Plan Committee with guidance from consultants and feedback from reviewers representing key stakeholders.)

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## **NATIONAL FARMWORKER HEALTH DAY IS THIS THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH!**

**Stop TB USA** partner, the Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN), and their members are understandably proud of their 25 years of service and commitment to farm workers and the clinicians who care for them. MCN invites you to take a moment and visit their impressive website at: <http://www.migrantclinician.org/> where you will find a wealth of resources including: (1) hundreds of resources in their Tool Box, such as [patient satisfaction templates](#); (2) sample [diabetes flow sheets](#), and [chart audit forms](#); (3) [free continuing education](#) courses related to migrant health; (4) a [directory](#) of Migrant Health Centers; and (5) [clinical resources](#) you can use for program planning or patient care related to environmental/occupational health, intimate partner violence, tuberculosis, immunizations, and women's health.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO RESULTS' JOANNE CARTER**

Joanne Carter, Executive Director of **Stop TB USA** partner organization RESULTS, has been chosen to serve as the Board Member to represent Developed Country NGOs on the board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. Her two-year term started this July. RESULTS has been advocating on behalf of the Global Fund since its inception (and before!). Joanne has been serving on the board delegation for almost two years now. The Global Fund has committed over \$15 billion to 140 countries to support large-scale prevention, treatment and care programs against AIDS, TB and malaria, and its investments in country programs have already meant \$5.4 million people on DOTS TB treatment. Yet the Global Fund currently faces an unprecedented funding gap, making collective work more important than ever before. In her new role, Joanne is committed to helping ensure a bold strategy for resource mobilization for the Global Fund so that it can achieve its full potential, and supporting the effective implementation of programs at country level to have the biggest impact in saving lives and building the capacity of both governments and civil society. Our **Stop TB USA** Congratulations and Thanks to Joanne!

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## **CALL FOR POSTERS REMINDER**

A call for posters has been issued for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease conference that will be held in Orlando Florida, March 11-13 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Abstracts are invited for posters and oral presentations. Abstracts related to outcomes from program initiatives and research on all aspects of tuberculosis control, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, behavioral, psychosocial and educational studies are welcome. [The deadline is October 2, 2009.](#) Remember: In most organizations, out of state travel approvals are easier to obtain when you are presenting for your organization.

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:** General Session topics will include: (1) TB-HIV Co-infection: A Sum Greater than Its Parts; (2) Basic Science: From the Bench to the Bedside; (3) Social Determinants of TB Transmission; (3) Diagnosis and Treatment; and (4) Assessing the Roles, Results and Confounders of Newer Laboratory Methods. Related sessions will include a Stop TB North American Meeting (U.S. and Canada); the annual Stop TB USA Advocacy Session; the annual Nursing Assembly; a Latin American Liaison Meeting; plus plenty of networking opportunities and a "Clinical Conversations" session where there will be opportunities for clinicians and others to discuss challenging cases with colleagues. **For more information contact:** Kitty McAndrews at the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest; Phone: 312-781-1100; E-Mail: [kmcandrews@lungil.org](mailto:kmcandrews@lungil.org). Or check the BC lung Association website at: [http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis\\_iautld.html](http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis_iautld.html)

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**REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs):**

The CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers 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 below:**

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**The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida:** Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-4636.

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**Comprehensive Clinical TB Course:** 9/14/2009 - 9/17/2009; Lantana, Florida; Format: Clinical course. 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 Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S. For more information check this website:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/093f65e080a295f8076b1c5722a46aa2>

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**Tuberculin Skin Test Train-the-Trainer Course:** 9/18/2009 - 9/18/2009; Lantana, Florida; Format: Train-the-trainer. 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. For more information check this website:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/44f683a84163b3523afe57c2e008bc8c>

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**Arresting TB Behind Bars: Best Practices for Controlling TB in Corrections:** 10/2/2009 - 10/2/2009; Little Rock, Arkansas. Format: On Location. This training is offered for corrections medical and custody personnel and TB program staff who interact with correctional facilities and inmates. Best practices and missed opportunities for recognizing and controlling Tuberculosis in correctional settings will be discussed. Communication and collaboration between the local health department and correctional facilities is highlighted as a key component to maintain a safe environment for all. For more information check:

<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/ac627ab1ccbdb62ec96e702f07f6425b>

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**Comprehensive Clinical TB Course:** 12/7/2009 - 12/10/2009; Lantana, Florida. 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 Hospital, one of the last free-standing TB sanatoriums in the U.S. For more information check:

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<https://www.ahcregistration.org/index.php/welcome/vieweventdetailssntc/2a38a4a9316c49e5a833517c45d31070>

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**New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, New Jersey:**

Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627.

Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

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**Medical Update in TB Control #1: Management of Tuberculosis in Patients on TNF-Alpha Inhibitors:**

September 16 Wednesday. This CME/CNE certified training will be held at the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, NJ. The course is for physicians and other health care professionals who manage patients with co-morbidities that may lead to treatment with TNF-alpha inhibitors and/or patients with TB infection or disease. For more information check this website:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tnf.html>

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**How To Teach Tuberculin Skin Testing: A Train-the-Trainer Workshop:**

September 30 – October 1, 2009; Newark New Jersey. CNE Certified Training Activity. This intensive two-day skills-building workshop covers the principles of adult education, teaching strategies, and planning and conducting a TST training This workshop is designed for licensed health professionals (i.e., nurses, nurse practitioners or physician assistants) who are responsible for training others in tuberculin skin testing. Participants must be proficient in the technique of administering and reading the Mantoux tuberculin skin test and be recommended by their department head. Please attach letter of support to application. For more information, please contact Rajita Bhavaraju at bhavarr@umdnj.edu or check the following website:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tst2009.html>

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**Medical Update in TB Control: Management of Tuberculosis in Emergency Department Settings:**

November 19, 2009: This web-based seminar will address the presentation of TB in emergency department settings as well as diagnostic and treatment steps to take in such circumstances. It will also cover personal, administrative, and engineering infection control measures. Cases will be used to illustrate key teaching points. This seminar will occur on November 19 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Registration details will be posted in the fall. For more information, please contact Rajita Bhavaraju at

**bhavarr@umdnj.edu** or check this website:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/medupdatetbcontrol.html>

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**Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation for Nurses:** December 9-10: This is an interactive workshop designed to enhance TB case management and contact interviewing skills of the nurses who attend. Nurses who care for patients with latent tuberculosis infection and TB disease. For additional information check the website at:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbcasemgmt2009.html>

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**The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:**

Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org> Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. Administration/Training: 210-531-4590.

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**The Changing Face of STDs, HIV, and TB:** Sept 17-18; Houston, Texas: Target Audience: Physicians, Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Social Workers, Case Managers, Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) and Mental Health Workers Contact: [mary.long@uthct.edu](mailto:mary.long@uthct.edu) More information is at: [http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure\\_san\\_antonio\\_tx\\_17\\_sep\\_2009.htm](http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_san_antonio_tx_17_sep_2009.htm)

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**TB Intensive;** Nov 10-12, 2009; Houston, Texas. This course is designed to enhance the expertise of providers who are actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. It strives to improve the skills of physicians and nurse experts who work treating and managing TB patients and contacts. Through interactive lectures and case studies, participants will be able to: describe the current epidemiology of TB in the USA and globally; identify LTBI; demonstrate the immunologic tools for diagnosis of LTBI and their application in the management of TB; implement CDC guidelines for treatment of LTBI; describe current laboratory methods for the detection, identification, genotyping and drug susceptibility testing of M. tuberculosis; discuss the role of the public health lab in the diagnosis and management of TB; identify and implement measures to eliminate transmission of TB in a medical facility; recognize the presentation of TB disease in various clinical settings; discuss antituberculous drugs including common side effects; and implement CDC guidelines for therapy of TB disease.

Contact: [mary.long@uthct.edu](mailto:mary.long@uthct.edu)

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**Tuberculosis: Diagnostic Challenges;** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. November 18, 2009. Contact: [mary.long@uthct.edu](mailto:mary.long@uthct.edu) .

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**TB Nurse Case Management:** San Antonio, Texas; Dec 8-10, 2009. This is an intensive course that provides an in-depth training experience covering knowledge and skills essential for the nurse with primary responsibility for TB case management. It will cover the evaluation, treatment and case management of medically and psychosocially difficult-to-treat patients. The workshop is designed to go beyond the basic TB curriculum and enhance the participant's ability to be accountable for facets of case management by capturing the experience and competencies of expert TB public health nurses now working in field settings throughout the Heartland region. Topics included in the course are: partnering with the community; planning and conducting contact investigations; monitoring responses to treatment; performing toxicity assessments; implementing measures to reduce TB transmission; identifying and managing foreign-born persons at risk for TB; diagnosing and managing pediatric TB and TB in HIV and other high-risk patients; performing case review and quality assurance; balancing responsibilities for public health with the patient's needs and preventing non-compliance through daily observed therapy and enablers; and improving communication and cultural sensitivity skills. Contact: [jessica.quintero@uthct.edu](mailto:jessica.quintero@uthct.edu)

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**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

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**Tuberculosis Radiology Seminar:** October 20, 2009 at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, CO. This one day seminar is designed for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis (TB). Topics include: In depth review of basic principles of reading chest radiographs and CT scans to determine suspicion of TB or non-TB mycobacterial infections. This course is approved for 5.75 Category 1 ACCME continuing education

hours/nursing continuing education hours (no prorated units available). All applications will be considered, and participants will be informed of their registration status after the application deadline, September 25, 2009. For a complete course description and application information, please visit: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/tbradiology09.cfm>

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**Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive:** Sept. 1-3, 2009. San Francisco, CA. Three-day intensive session for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. More information is available at: [http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb\\_clinical\\_intensive.cfm](http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb_clinical_intensive.cfm)

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**Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation:** October 6-9, 2009. San Francisco, CA. Four-day training for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and medical social workers. More information at: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tbcmciot09.cfm>

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**Tuberculosis Communicable Disease Investigator Intensive:** November 3-5, 2009 Ontario, CA. Three-day course for communicable disease investigators (CDIs) who conduct tuberculosis (TB) contact investigations. More information at: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tbcdii09.cfm>

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## **IUATLD NEW YORK OFFICE TO SEEK RESEARCH & EVALUATION COORDINATOR**

The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) will be recruiting a Research and Evaluation Coordinator to be based in the North America office in New York City. The incumbent will be expected to provide technical coordination and operational support to research projects, and to lead the monitoring and evaluation of such projects. The incumbent will work closely with other Union staff and technical consultants, donor representatives, and collaborating partners. They hope to identify a strong candidate for this position who matches the listed skills and experience set. Assistance in circulating this position opportunity within your networks is greatly appreciated. This position is posted to The Union webpage at [http://www.theunion.org/component/option,com\\_vacancies/Itemid,98/](http://www.theunion.org/component/option,com_vacancies/Itemid,98/).

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## **TB ALLIANCE APPOINTS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

The [TB Alliance](http://www.tballiance.org) recently announced the appointment of Marshall Burke, Ph.D. as the organization's Senior Vice-President, External Affairs. Dr. Burke will be responsible for the TB Alliance's resource mobilization efforts and charged with increasing and diversifying the TB Alliance's sources of funding. Additionally, he will oversee the TB Alliance's Advocacy and Policy Department, including its community engagement efforts. Marshall Burke was most recently Senior Vice President of Resource Development for [CARE International](http://www.careinternational.org), one of the world's leading organizations in the fight against global poverty, and was responsible for doubling its yearly income in a five-year period to more than \$125M annually. He brings to the TB Alliance senior leadership, comprehensive experience in leveraging institutional, governmental, and other sources of funding, and substantial expertise in building global partnerships, advocating for policy and financial support, and implementing community outreach. Marshall honed his skills throughout his 25 year-plus career in the non-profit sector. The TB Alliance website: <http://www.tballiance.org/newscenter/mediasupport.php>

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