

MCHENRY COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS CARE AND TREATMENT BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rebecca Rockwood, MTASCP, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and was seconded by Ms. Ellen Mangano, RN. TB Board members present were: Rebecca Rockwood, MTASCP, Ellen Mangano, RN, James Mowery, MD, Staff attending were: Fran Stanwood, RN, Director of Nursing; Patrick McNulty, Administrator; Marylou Ludicky, RN, Communicable Disease Coordinator; and Sue Heger, RN, TB Nurse.

MINUTES

Dr. James Mowery made a motion to approve the TB Board minutes from January 20, 2009; Ms. Ellen Mangano seconded the motion; motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1) FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Fran Stanwood stated that the fund balance is where it is expected to be. Mr. Patrick McNulty stated that this year's tax disbursements have come in on time. Ms. Rebecca Rockwood made a motion to approve the disbursements for the McHenry County Tuberculosis Program; seconded by Dr. James Mowery.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

TB Nurse Report for January – April 2009: Ms. Sue Heger, RN, presented the monthly report.

Patient Update: In January, the ICE (Immigration Customs and Enforcement) detainee remained in the McHenry County Jail. Attempts were made to find a place for him to stay in the United States. Through Partners In Health, a possible place was found in Boston but the detainee didn't want to stay at a hospital. Dr. Conover from IDPH was very concerned about this case so he brought a Russian interpreter from the Lake County Health Department to talk to the detainee about staying in the US. However the detainee ultimately decided to return home.

In February the ICE detainee was deported. Dr. Conover kept in touch with the detainee through email and attempted to talk with a Russian physician about the detainee.

In April, Dr. Conover talked with a doctor in Russia about the ICE detainee's medication; unfortunately he was only receiving first line medications that he is resistant to and there didn't seem to be a way to provide him with the correct second line medications. There has been no known further contact with the detainee.

In April two cases were tested for possible extrapulmonary TB and possible reactivation but smears are negative and we are awaiting the culture results.

Activities: In January, the annual MCDH employee TB screening was completed. There were 150 employees tested

Also in January, a TB in-service was given at Heritage Woods, an assisted living facility in McHenry; general TB information was presented to their staff and Ms. Heger spoke with two nurses who are giving TB skin tests to make sure they are giving and reading the tests correctly.

At the end of April, Family Service and Mental Health Center in McHenry asked to have their staff receive TB skin testing at their facility. Forty Five staff were provided with testing.

At Dr's Clinic, Dr. Hafiz discussed LTBI (latent tuberculosis infection) with a client who then started preventive medication.

The Health Professional Seminar was held in March at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake. There was a booth for TB information. The seminar included Infectious Disease and Emergency Response presentations. Dr. Hafiz spoke about MRSA.

In March APIC (Association for Professionals in Infection Control) invited Elaine Darnall, RN, TB Nurse Consultant for IDPH, to Swedish American Hospital in Rockford for an MDR presentation; Ms. Heger presented the ICE detainee MDR case.

In April the Head Start Advisory Committee met and confirmed the date of August 12 for this year's Head Start Fair.

The Fountains Sunrise nursing home in Crystal Lake requested an in-service about administering and reading TB skin tests. There were many questions from staff from several of Sunrise's facilities. Several employees had never given TB tests before so they did demonstrations using the practice arm. Sheltered Village in Woodstock also requested a TB testing seminar.

Statistics for March and April show that WIC TB presentations were done once a month. Information about TB testing is now being distributed at the Algonquin, Crystal Lake and Harvard WIC clinics but testing will still be done in Woodstock. There are no new active cases and no active cases are being treated.

BY-LAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Mr. McNulty states that the County Board adopts the tax levy in November each year. Ms. Heger questions if it is required to have an annual meeting in July. Mr. McNulty suggests that the State Statutes should be reviewed for any requirements.

Ms. Heger discussed the criteria for Eligibility for Care as stated in the Rules and Regulations section. Many hospital employees work in McHenry County but live outside of the County; when LTBI preventive treatment is recommended they have the choice of receiving treatment here or in their own county; many clients choose McHenry County because it is convenient for them and there is no charge. Dr.

Mowery questions how other counties operate. Mr. McNulty states that the funding mechanisms for TB treatment in other counties are not as robust as they are here. We have a tax levy here which other counties don't have. Ms. Heger states that active TB clients are always treated only in the county in which they reside since active TB treatment is much more expensive than preventive (LTBI) treatment. It was decided to continue discussion of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations at the next TB Board meeting.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Copies of the following information were distributed to the board:

- A) Trends in Tuberculosis-United States, 2008; MMWR March 20, 2009/Vol. 58/No. 10
- B) "Convergence of the Tuberculosis and Diabetes Epidemics: Renewal of Old Acquaintances"
Restrepo, B., Clinical Infectious Diseases 2007; 45: 436-8
- C) "Are Second-Line Drugs Necessary to Control Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis?" Nardel, E. and Mitnick, C., Journal of Infectious Disease 2006: 194:1194-6

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rebecca Rockwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. James Mowery at 9:55 am.