



Memorandum

Date: March 3, 2022

From: Terry Chorba, Chief, Field Services Branch, Division of TB Elimination

Subject: Attendance at the 2022 National Tuberculosis Conference - co-sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA)

To: TB Control Program Cooperative Agreement Recipients

Dear Recipient:

This letter is to support participation in this year's [National TB Conference \(NTC\)](#) for recipients of federal funding under the CDC Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement, PS20-2001. The 2022 NTC will be held on May 23-26 in Palm Springs, CA.

The 2022 NTC, the first to be held in-person in three years, is an excellent opportunity to learn about cutting-edge TB science, clinical, and programmatic advances from national subject matter experts. In addition to these educational opportunities, the conference will provide participants with important networking and relationship-building opportunities that are beneficial to individual TB program staff and to the functioning of the larger U.S. TB program.

This year's planning committee has developed a highly curated program that includes important updates on new TB treatments, continued concerns about TB-COVID co-infections and the psychosocial impacts of isolation on individuals with TB, special populations impacted by TB (including pregnant women and children/adolescents), and TB program response in support of special immigrants and refugees in Operation Allies Welcome and the national outbreak associated with the bone graft contamination. Programs that are engaging the community in TB elimination activities (including "collaborating with HIV/AIDS and STD programs, community planning groups, HIV care consortiums, and other local groups that influence funding and programmatic activities") will have the opportunity to provide roadmaps for how they have approached this aspect of the current funding requirements. In summary, this conference will provide a very informative and valuable learning experience for all who are able to attend.

We recognize the fluid nature of the current COVID-19 situation. The conference planning committee has [taken steps to ensure the health and safety of participants](#), and is committed to following [current CDC guidance](#).

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If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me via e-mail (TLC2@cdc.gov) or phone at (404) 639-0909.

Respectfully,

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