

TB Advisory Committee Mission Statement

The TB Medical Advisory Committee provides medical direction and recommendations on policy development for treating active disease and prevention of new tuberculosis cases for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) TB Program. As part of these activities, the TB Medical Advisory Committee may or may be asked to engage federal, state, and local agencies in establishing guidelines for the follow-up of TB suspects, cases, and person at high-risk for developing active disease in Indiana. Ultimately, through close collaboration between the advisory committee members, partners invested in TB elimination, other appropriate Advisory Committees and TB program and TB Laboratory staff, the committee shall:

- review relevant resources, medical literature, clinical outcomes and other medical evidence as necessary to establish TB standards of care for Indiana and provide guidance for improving reporting and TB surveillance;
- review State TB reporting to ISDH, including consultation on individual cases, and add summary or additional comments as needed;
- provide input on the development and implementation of a TB elimination plan;
- advocate for TB prevention and control activities in Indiana;
- address pertinent legal, institutional and/or regulatory issues (within reason) as part of the above activities; and
- Assist in communicating and educating private providers within the state on TB treatment recommendations and purpose of ISDH TB program policies.

GOALS

- To work toward TB elimination in Indiana by achieving the Healthy People 2010 objective of 1.0/100,000 cases of TB.
- To provide cost-effective, high quality tuberculosis care to all the citizens of Indiana.

Special attention should be placed on reaching underserved populations which may have unique challenges due to financial, linguistic and cultural barriers.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership on the committee includes at least one representative from each of the following: American Lung Association of Indiana, the State Epidemiologist, IUPUI Medical School and selected TB Program and Laboratory staff. Physicians membership must include specialists in infectious disease, pulmonary medicine and epidemiology. The Chair may propose additional members to address specific needs of the committee and the State of Indiana.