



Coalition to End TB in Los Angeles County



June 21st, 2023



Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Organizational Updates
- Ukrainian outreach
- 2023 NTC Conference Update
- Reminders
- Adjourn



Welcome!

- Sign in here: (MS Forms link)
<https://forms.office.com/g/v3FpntN9FK>
- Please state your name and the organization you are representing in the chat box
- If able, we ask that you turn on your cameras for engagement

Icebreaker!

- What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
- Please answer in the chat





Announcements





Organizational Updates

- Let us know what's new at your organization (trainings events, resources, staff changes, etc.)
 - Are there events you will be hosting or attending?
 - What resources and/or assistance may be needed from any of those represented here, can we provide a training/present?



TBCP Updates



- Legislative update

UNITING FOR UKRAINE

**We can help with
Health Attestations**



(818) 291-8901



- Uniting for Ukraine Outreach Updates
 - Outreach at the WeHo Mishka Festival - May 21st
 - Outreach at the Food Distribution/Free TB Testing event at Mid-Valley Center - June 1st
 - LA County World Refugee Day Event – June 20th

WeHo Mishka Festival



- On Sunday, May 21, 2023, TBCP and RHAP staff participated in the WeHo's Mishka 22nd Annual Festival.

Key takeaways from outreach

- Russian materials are needed among the Ukrainian refugees
- Political tension was not as much of a concern, but was still present
- Provided 5 Ukrainians with testing information
- Connected with Ukrainian language school and provided postcards
- We have been notified Glendale Unified District has 100 new enrollees from the Ukraine

Outreach at Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center Food Distribution – June 1st

LA County Department of Public Health
Tuberculosis Control Program

Free IGRA Test!

June 1st
8:00 am - 12 noon
Mid-Valley CHC
7515 Van Nuys Blvd.,
Van Nuys, CA 91405



OUR SERVICES

- Health Attestations
- IGRA Test
- TB Education
- LTBI Campaigns
- Food Support

 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health

(213) 745-0800
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/tb/

- This event was a success!
 - Assisted Ukrainian and Hispanic populations
 - Administered TB testing
 - Educated individuals and families
 - Provided incentives
 - Made referrals
 - Assisted with food support
- Advertisement on Telegram – an app which provides file sharing, chats, video calling, and several other features

LA County World Refugee Day Event

- TBCP & RHAP tabled together at the event providing information on the Health Assessment process and TB testing resources.
- There weren't many refugee's that visited the table
 - Many organizations and county employees were present and visited the table
 - Was able to connect with other organizations and provide TB information for their efforts



TB Flipbook for Clinics Test Rollout

- CTCA and the collaboration of other CA local counties have worked together to develop a flipbook for patients who test positive for TB
- Testing at select clinics will begin this summer and continue until September
- A TBCP staff member will be present for assistance in the roll out
- To review the flipbook, visit:
https://ctca.org/wp-content/uploads/HRDflipbook_3-17-23_half-letter.pdf

I tested positive
for TB.
Now what?



This guide was created by the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association. For more information, go to www.ctca.org



Outreach at San Fernando Valley Food Distribution

NO-COST FRESH PRODUCE

Distribution Events in San Fernando Valley

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Upcoming Events for 2023

	San Fernando Health Center	Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center
Where:	1212 Pico St., San Fernando, CA 91340	7515 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405
When: Select Thursdays 9:30am to 12:30pm or until supplies last	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 12th March 2nd May 4th July 6th September 7th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2nd April 6th June 1st August 3rd
For more information email:	SPA2@ph.lacounty.gov	
Website	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/chs/SPA2/index.htm	

WALK-UP EVENTS – Please bring your own reusable bag

(A cart is recommended for easier transport)

Masks are recommended, and physical distancing will be practiced. The COVID-19 vaccine is strongly recommended. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines or how to get vaccinated, visit VaccinateLACounty.com



Additional Food Resources

CalFresh for Individuals or Families Call 1-866-613-3777 or visit GetCalFresh.org	WIC for Moms, Babies & Kids under 5 Call 1-888-WIC-WORKS or call 2-1-1
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Call 2-1-1 for walk-up food distribution sites
covid19.lacounty.gov/food



LA County Department of Public Health **Tuberculosis Control Program**

Free IGRA Test!

July 6th
8:00 am - 12 noon
San Fernando Health Center
1212 Pico St.
San Fernando, CA 91340



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2023 National TB Conference

TB Elimination Alliance



- TB Elimination Alliance led by the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Hepatitis B Foundation, and Stop TB USA with the support of the CDC, is a national partnership of community leaders dedicated to eliminating TB and LTBI inequities through education, raising awareness, and innovation.
- Each year, TEA offers a mini-grant program to enhance TB and LTBI community engagement, education, and quality improvement.
 - Asian, Asian American
 - Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
 - Non-U.S. born Latino American
 - U.S. born African American
- Since its launch in 2019, TEA has given out over \$500,000 in 17 States and territories

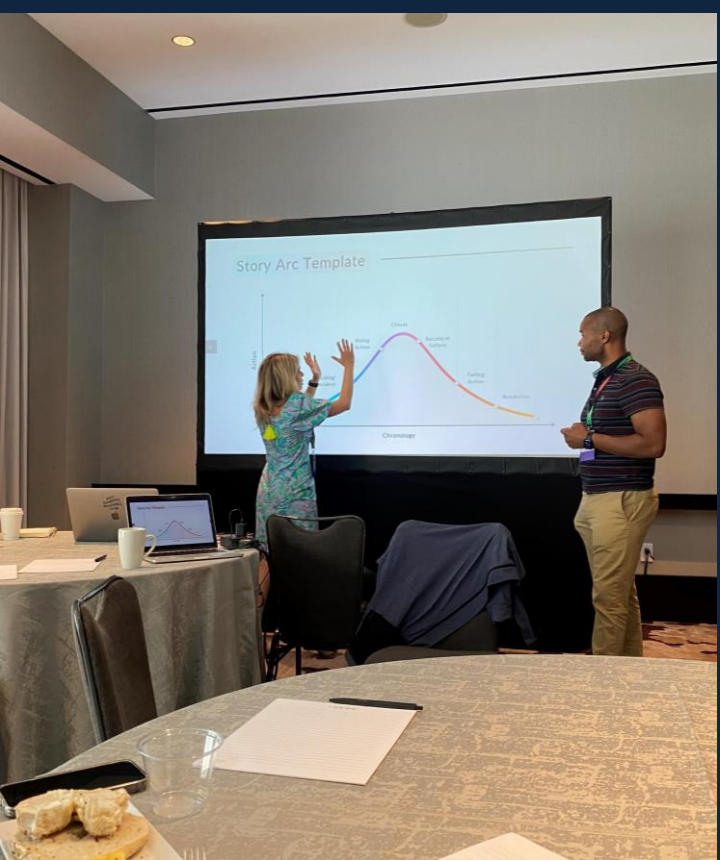
2023 National TB Conference

- We Are TB

A supportive community of TB survivors, people in treatment, and family members committed to the common goal of eliminating TB. We are TB provides training and opportunities for people in treatment, TB survivors, and their families, to educate people about TB.



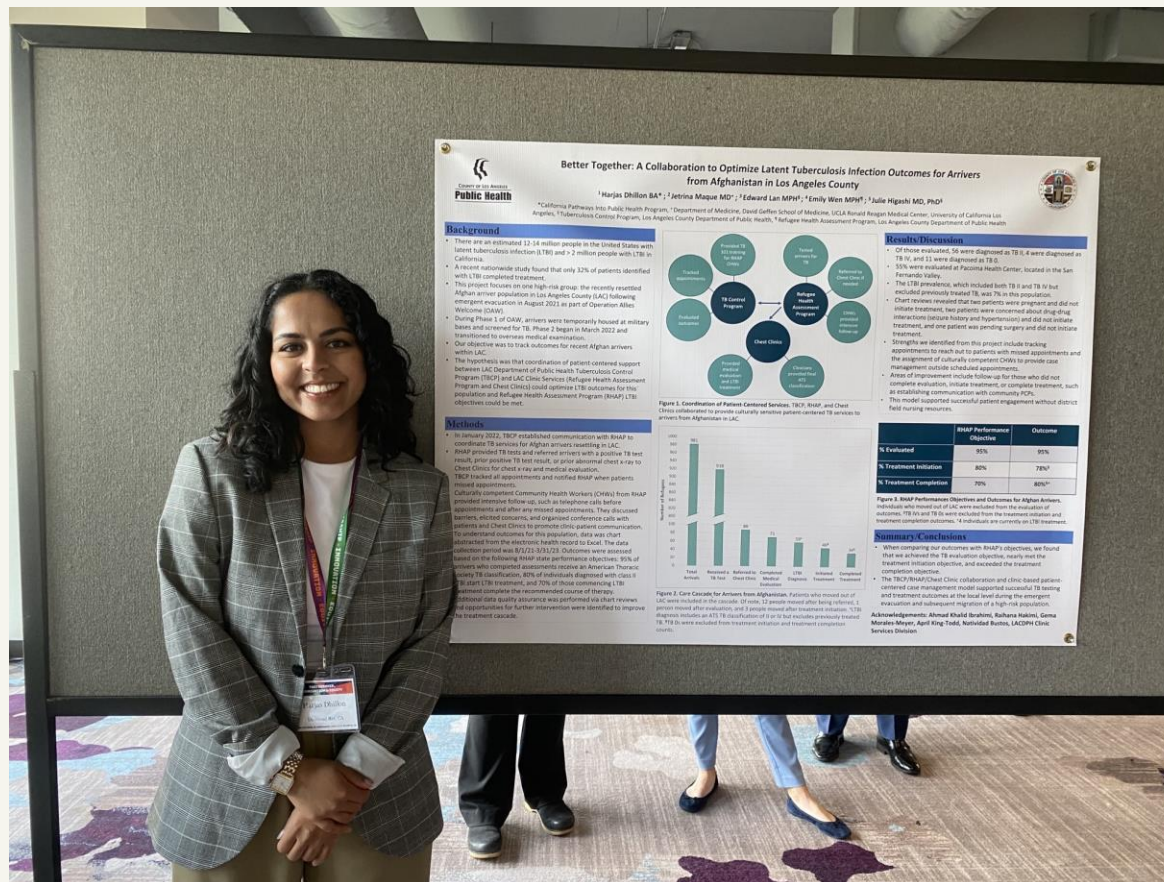
TB Survivors' Meeting



The Power of Sharing One's Story

- TBCP is recruiting TB survivors
- Know of any TB survivors or TB advocates in Los Angeles?
- Please contact Ashley Randle arandle@ph.lacounty.gov

Poster Viewing



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Better Together: A Collaboration to Optimize Latent Tuberculosis Infection Outcomes for Arrivers from Afghanistan in Los Angeles County

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Background

- There are an estimated 12-14 million people in the United States with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) and ~2 million people with TB in California.
- A recent nationwide study found that only 52% of patients identified with LTBI completed treatment.
- This project focuses on one high-risk group: the recently resettled Afghan arrival population in Los Angeles County (LAC) following emergency evacuation in August 2021 as part of Operation Allies Welcome (OAW).
- During Phase 1 of OAW, arrivals were temporarily housed at military transitional facilities and underwent TB Phase 2 began in March 2022 and our objective was to track outcomes for recent Afghan arrivals with LAC.
- The hypothesis was that coordination of patient-centered support between LAC, Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Program (TBCP) and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program could optimize LTBI outcomes for this population and help us meet our public health goals.

Methods

- In January 2022, TBCP established communication with KP to coordinate TB services for Afghan arrivals in LAC.
- KP provided TB tests and referred arrivals with a positive TB test result and/or positive TB test result or prior abnormal chest x-ray to Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program (HAP) for chest x-ray and medical evaluation.
- TBCP focused on appointments and notified HAP when patients missed appointments.
- Culturally competent Community Health Workers (CHWs) from HAP provided intensive follow-up, such as telephone calls before appointments and after any missed appointments. They also used barriers, and organized conference calls with patients and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program to understand outcomes for this population. Data was charted from the electronic health record to local. The data collection period was 8/2/21-3/31/23. Outcomes were assessed based on the following: HAP performance objectives: 95% of arrivals who completed assessments receive an American Thoracic Society TB classification, 80% of individuals approaching TB Phase 2 start LTBI treatment, and 70% of those completing TB treatment complete the recommended course of therapy. Additional data quality assurance was performed via chart reviews and opportunities for patient intervention were identified to improve the treatment cascade.

Results/ Discussion

- Of those evaluated, 96 were diagnosed as TB in, 4 were diagnosed as TB in, and 11 were diagnosed as TB in.
- 93% were evaluated at Kaiser Permanente Center, located in the San Fernando Valley.
- The TB prevalence, which included both TB in and TB in but excluded previously treated TB, was 76% in this population.
- Chart reviews revealed that two patients were pregnant and did not initiate treatment, two patients were concerned about drug-drug interactions (anticoagulation history and hypertension) and did not initiate treatment, and one patient was pending surgery and did not initiate treatment.
- Strengths identified from this project include tracking appointments to reach out to patients with missed appointments and the assignment of culturally competent CHWs to provide case management outside scheduled appointments.
- Areas of improvement include follow-up for those who did not complete evaluation, initiate treatment, or complete treatment, such as establishing communication with community NGOs.
- The model supported successful patient engagement without district field nursing resources.

Figure 1. Coordination of Patient-Centered Services, TBCP, HAP, and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program to provide culturally sensitive patient-centered TB services to arrivals from Afghanistan in LAC.

Figure 2. Care Cascade for Arrivals from Afghanistan. Patients who missed out of LAC were included in the cascade. 20 cases, 12 months' treatment after initiation, 13 patients missed prior evaluation, and 2 patients missed after treatment initiation. 136 patients included in ATS TB classification (1 or 2) but excluded previously treated TB TB in were excluded from treatment initiation and treatment completion.

HAP Performance Objective	Outcome
% Evaluated	95%
% Treatment Initiation	80%
% Treatment Completion	70%

Figure 3. HAP Performance Objectives and Outcomes for Afghan Arrivals. Individuals who missed out of LAC were included in the cascade of outcomes. TB in and TB in were excluded from the treatment initiation and treatment completion outcomes. *Individuals who currently are TB treatment.

Summary/Conclusions

- When comparing our outcomes with HAP's objectives, we found that we achieved the TB evaluation objective, nearly met the treatment initiation objective, and exceeded the treatment completion objective.
- The TBCP/HAP/KP Health Assessment Program and Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Assessment Program collaboration and clinic-based patient-centered case management model supported successful TB testing and treatment outcomes at the local level during the emergency evacuation and subsequent integration of a high-risk population.

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Promoting Partnerships, Not Panic, when Navigating the Nuances of Contact Investigation



Sophia Hsu

Leveraging Technology in Conducting Contact for Persons Experiencing Homelessness₉

Next Meeting

