



Coalition for a TB Free California : First Half of 2025 Review

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The Coalition for a TB Free California

- My role: inviting, convening, coordinating
- CTCF: Member Led, Partner Supported
- CTCF members develop and implement priorities, strategies, activities
- All CTCF members are leaders of the coalition
- Partners provide critical technical assistance, support, expertise
- Key accomplishment: AB 2132, the new state TB screening law

State budget

- Coalition developed \$5m request
 - To help implement the TB screening law
 - Elevate awareness about TB screening
 - Establish up to five TB prevention projects
- Key strategies:
 - Secured “champion” - Assemblyman Patrick Ahrens
 - Champion = request in play until the end
 - Challenging fiscal environment
 - Virtual legislative meetings with staff of key legislators/committees/caucuses
 - In person meetings at the Capitol
 - Constituent calls/emails

Uphill Battle

- Difficult budget process
 - State's budget deficit
 - Little support for new funding requests
 - Federal funding cuts
 - Projected cuts/changes to Medi-Cal
 - Result: TB funding proposal not included in the final budget
- Successes
 - Champion
 - Educated several important legislators, budget committees, caucuses
 - Relationship building
 - Several coalition members engaged in the process
 - Laid groundwork for next year

Next Steps/Second Half of 2025 Activities

- Monitor/engage in Medi-Cal cuts/changes
 - Develop partnerships
 - Provide information to coalition members/community
 - Bring TB perspective
 - Potential special California legislative session
- Coalition webinar
 - Two purposes: educate stakeholders, recruit new members
 - Late August/early September
 - Partnership with AAPCHO
 - Spotlight on innovative TB programs
 - Show what can be done with minimal resources
- Coalition outreach, recruitment, and partnership development
 - Develop partnerships with provider coalitions and organizations
 - Outreach to FQHCs
 - Recruitment campaign by coalition members

Getting Involved

- Join us! Email ryantbfree@gmail.com
 - CTCF is member led, partner supported
 - All are welcome and encouraged to participate
 - Regular calls
 - Listserv for information sharing
 - More info and resources: www.ctca.org, click “coalitions”

Thank You for All You Do!

