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Hi Dr. Patterson,

Thank you for the information regarding cluster vs outbreak. It helps to clarify the situation.

Unfortunately, all avenues have been exhausted with respect to hiring and so a discussion of alternative arrangements would be welcome.

I will arrange a meeting to discuss staffing needs.

Regards,

Krystie

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Hello

There are specific criteria to declare an outbreak, in the case of TB a declaration of an outbreak means that there are cases that cannot be linked to any other cases, and we there is significant reason to be concerned that there are individuals with active TB who are spreading the infection, but have not been identified.

Declaring an outbreak means that much of the community, if not the entire community is at risk of TB, and we do not have evidence that this is the case at this time.

I have reviewed the situation with the Public Health consultant for TB, who agrees that declaring an outbreak is not warranted at this time.

I do agree that staffing for the TB program needs to be improved, and 1 nurse cannot deliver adequate care and continue appropriate contact tracing & testing.

If normal means of recruiting have been exhausted, and there are no staff to transfer in there are some steps we can undertake to seek assistance. Such as RFA to the federal government or OFMAR to other P/T jurisdictions.

