

Department of Human Services



SB 770 Quarterly Health Services Cluster

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Meeting Summary

Attendees			
Richard Acevedo	Drew Adams	Sonciray Bonnell	Rick Cady
Karen Elliott	David Fullerton	Bruce Goldberg	Bobby Green Sr.
Cecil Greenway	Derrick Hatcher	Ron Hudson	Leroy Jackson Jr.
Daneka Karma	Erinn Kelley-Siel	Ruth Kemmy	Cheryle Kennedy
Jack Lawson	Allyson Lecatsas	Richard Leman	Kelle Little
Rita McMillan	Jackie Mercer	Eric Metcalf	Judy Mohr Peterson
MaiKia Moua	Judy Muschamp	Sheila Parkins	Lynn Saxton
John Spence	Sharon Stanphill	Michael Stickler	Tricia Tillman
Patti Tom Martin	Jolene Walters	Diana Woods	Jason Yarmer
Guests			
Megan Hoopes	Karen Quigley	Carol Robinson	Paul Wild
Agenda Item	Presenter(s)		
Welcome and Introductions	Richard Acevedo		
Rick Acevedo welcomed everyone to the SB 770 meeting and roundtable introductions were made.			
Director's Report	Bruce Goldberg		
<p>The budget over the next biennium is looking at about \$3.5 billion shortfall, caused primarily by the economy and the recovery is not going to be as quick or steep as anticipated. Over the last biennium one of the ways DHS has managed is with federal stimulus money. Over the next biennium, however, those funds will not be available again. Congress will be looking more at the federal deficit. DHS will continue to look at ways to deliver services better and more efficiently. Services through DHS continue to grow at 12.5% and we have an unsustainable system, where state revenues are only about 5 to 6%.</p> <p>Work continues on the transition into DHS and the Oregon Health Authority. No major problems are anticipated and will maintain a single point of contact for the Tribes.</p> <p>In speaking with the Governor elect, he believes that the increases in health care costs are due to inefficient delivery of services. Focus should be on prevention and primary care and looking at integration of primary care and long term care. He is also interested in regional accountability, operating within a finite budget and using the state's purchasing power for health care. This will be inclusive of the Tribes and Tribal sovereignty.</p> <p>Warm Springs has an issue around services that are not accessible to Tribal members. The Tribes were left out of the regionalization of health care discussions. Bruce said the discussions have not gotten that far yet. Most of the discussion has been around 241 individuals in Deschutes County who use the emergency room services frequently.</p>			
<p>Action Item: Rick will invite an expert to the next SB 770 meeting to discuss regionalization.</p>			

There is a statute around mental health that states Warm Springs is their own mental health authority and so anytime a Tribal member must be admitted, not voluntarily, it is the responsibility of Jolene Walters specifically. This statute needs to be addressed.

Action Item:

Bruce suggested a meeting between Jolene Walters (Warm Springs) and Richard Harris (AMH) to discuss statute revisions.

Data Registry

Megan Hoopes, NPAIHB

Megan Hoopes presented information on the Northwest Tribal Registry Project. Using demographic data on all Native people registered at an IHS or tribal clinic, the registration file is updated annually. Comparing this information to surveillance / administrative data systems can identify incorrect coding. For additional information on the Northwest Tribal Registry Project, please contact Megan Hoopes at 503-228-4185 or by email at mhoopes@npaihb.org.

State Medicaid Incentive Program

Susan Otter, DMAP

ARRA provides HIT incentive funds for hospitals and eligible providers achieving meaningful use of electronic health records. Current efforts include designing the incentive program, decisions on areas of state discretion, development of MAPIR (a web-based application), drafting the State Medicaid HIT plan and provider communications. For additional information, please contact Susan Otter at 503-428-4751 or by email at susan.r.otter@state.or.us.

Action Item:

Susan Otter will send O-HITEC contact information to Diana Woods to forward to the Tribes.

HITOC: Oversight Committee

Carol Robinson, OHPR

HITOC was established with the passage of HB 2009. HITOC is currently coordinating Oregon's public and private statewide efforts in electronic health records adoption and the eventual development of a statewide system for electronic health information exchange. HITOC will help Oregon meet federal requirements so that providers may be eligible for millions of federal health information technology stimulus dollars. Website: www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HITOC/. For additional information regarding HITOC, please contact Carol Robinson at 503-373-1817 or by email at carol.robinson@state.or.us.

HIT Workforce Development

Paul Wild, PCC

Paul Wild, Portland Community College, discussed the training community colleges around Oregon are doing on Health Information Technology Workforce. A consortium of five Oregon community colleges has joined the nationwide effort to train and find employment for workers to help fill the projected HIT worker gap. The colleges will collaborate with local health care providers to develop customized training courses for incumbent workers that will help facilities achieve Meaningful Use of electronic Health Records. For more information, please contact Paul Wild at 971-722-2893 or by email at pwild@pcc.edu.

DMAP Update

Judy Mohr Peterson, DMAP

DMAP recently had a situation with Grand Ronde around who was primary and secondary payer on billings to Medicaid. The issue is still being worked out, but progress is being made. If other Tribes are having similar issues, please contact Judy Mohr Peterson at 503-945-5768, Jeanny Phillips at 503-945-6552 or Rick Acevedo at 503-945-7034.

There are new requirements in Federal Health Care Reform around provider enrollment. The final rules are expected out in the spring. Additional paperwork will be required. New provider enrollment begins March 23, 2011. Current providers need to reenroll between March 23, 2011 and March 23, 2013. There are no exceptions for Tribal Health Clinics or IHS clinics. If you are a Medicare provider and fill out the paperwork, you will not need to fill it out again for Medicaid/DHS.

Members in managed care plans will now have co-pays effective January 1, 2011. Many plans are choosing not to implement the co-pays.

Tribes were sent written notification of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) on rule change for eligibility for verification of income. Instead of requiring two months verification of income for determination, now only one month is required from the most recent pay stub a client can provide. This change was effective on November 1, 2010.

About a year ago, DHS had two waiver requests to CMS. One was to provide open enrollment of OHP Standard for tribal members and another one for OHP Plus benefits for tribal members when they receive services from a Tribal clinic. Last year, in discussions with Jim Roberts and with CMS, they advised us at the time to let that issue work through because a similar question was being asked by California. Because CMS has made no movement on this issue with California, DHS would like to put this forward again for consideration to CMS.

Action Item:

Rick will pull together a work group to review/update the SPA(s) and report back to the group in February.

DMAP will be submitting three SPAs. One is for Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors with a January 1, 2011 effective date. The second is to clarify a policy that when medical assistance is being recovered from people in the long term care system. The last one comes out of the federal health care reform for children, when they are approved for hospice care, the curative treatment must stop before hospice care can start; this change would continue the curative treatment and have hospice at the same time.

Tribal Updates

Tribal Representatives

The Tribal representatives gave updates on Tribal activities, programs, facility expansions and recruitments since the last meeting.

State Agency Liaison Report

All

Tribal Liaisons from DHS divisions gave updates on their activities with the Tribes.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Richard Acevedo

Next Meeting: February 23, 2011 at Siletz Tribe

Future Topics/Notes:

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