

Department of Human Services



SB 770 Quarterly Health Services Cluster

May 25, 2011

9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Kah-Nee-Ta

6823 Hwy. 8

Warm Springs, OR 97761

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Richard Acevedo	Drew Adams	Rebecca Austen	Randy Blackburn
Margaret Carter	Janice Clements	Mike Clements	David Conroy
Caroline Cruz	Linda Drebin	Rachael Ford	Tom Groat
Leroy Jackson, Jr.	Stacy Johns	Cassie Kachia	Jacklyn Langley
Jacqueline Left Hand Bull	Rebekah Main	Michael Mancotte	Mary McNevins
Eric Metcalf	Kati Moseley	Judy Muschamp	Carey Palm
Cynthia Prater	Mary Renville	Carolyn Ribeiro	Dean Sawyer
Helena Scheratski	Leslie Squiemphan	Sharon Stanphill	Michael Stickler
Jim Wallis	Jolene Walters	Diana Woods (notes)	Jason Yarmer

Guests

Nora Leibowitz

Agenda Item

Welcome and Introductions

Harry Taylor, Kah-Nee-Ta General Manger welcomed everyone to Warm Springs and roundtable introductions were made.

DHS Budget and Legislative Update

Margaret Carter said that since the Legislature is still in session and the budget has not passed yet, there is nothing to update at this time. However, she wanted the Tribes to know she is here to listen. Margaret is very excited about the direction DHS is heading, especially in the area of ending the disproportionality of Native American and African American children in foster care.

Tribal Updates

Each Tribe gave an update on the happenings in their respective programs.

Health Insurance Exchange

Nora Leibowitz discussed the Health Insurance Exchange and any affects the Exchange might have on the Tribes.

The Affordable Care Act was passed by Congress last year. The Act states that as of 2014, insurance companies will no longer be able to deny coverage to adults based on pre-existing conditions. Insurance companies stopped denying coverage to children based on pre-existing conditions on January 1, 2010.

The Exchange will be like a shopping center for health insurance plans by providing information on the different commercial plans, available tax credits and eligibility determinations for those plans as well as state programs. Community-based organizations, called navigators, will be trained to assist folks in accessing the Exchange.

A Consumer Advisory Work Group, which reports to the Board, would be an excellent opportunity for Tribal representatives to participate and have ongoing input into the Exchange.

Most Americans will be required by law to obtain health insurance, however Native Americans can get exemption.

Action Item

Nora will schedule a meeting specifically around the Exchange for interested persons (to include Jim Roberts) to happen prior to the next SB 770.

State Agency Liaison Reports

DMAP: Helena Scheratski is the new DMAP tribal liaison. She started on May 1 and is working on getting up to speed. She is open to questions and concerns from the Tribes. Helena has worked for DHS for 12 years in many different roles.

A meeting is scheduled for next week that focuses on the budget and the legislative process. Helena can be contacted at 503-945-6800 or by email at helena.scheratski@state.or.us.

CAF: The ICWA Conference will be held at Warm Springs on August 30 – September 1, 2011. ICWA Advisory Board has asked folks to bring projects or policies to the Board for decision making.

Over-representation is still an issue with tribal youth. A meeting was held in Umatilla to discuss the issues, lack of knowledge, and came up with how to respond. A list was developed to identify what can be done.

Another work group met and developed a training matrix around expert witnesses, train-the-trainer and a manual to train communities on how to be an expert witness. The last meeting was on May 10 and the Casey Group is interested in developing the training.

An Independent Conference will be held in Ashland – Boxer Ranch the Native American July 18-21. It's important to have native youth at this conference, specifically those in state custody. When kids attend they come back saying this is the best experienced they've had.

PHD: The Change Tool Survey is due ASAP; submit to the health board. Tribes that received the one-time funding to gather the data must have that data to the Health Board by September 30, 2011. The data is an important pathway for future planning. Policy system and environmental changes transformation grant on behalf of Oregon will seek \$10 million for TTEP. Only one region will be awarded. Need to know who may be applying directly. If nothing is heard from the Tribes, the Tribes will be included in the state application and can back out later. If you would like to be part of the planning process, please let Kati Moseley know at 971-673-0984 or by email at kati.moseley@state.or.us.

An upcoming conference on tribal system and environmental changes entitled, "Keep it Sacred" is scheduled for September 26-27, 2011.

Action Item

If a Tribe applies for the grant and does not receive it, can they then be included in the state application? If the Tribes go with the state grant application, how much would each Tribe receive?

Kati Moseley will find out the answers to the above questions and respond by email.

OSH: Cynthia Prater wants to change services offered to Native Americans, TX options, addiction and recovery white bison, and psycho therapy. There are Tribal people in the state hospital and ceremonies are being offered. Looking for a replacement to lead the sweat lodge. Historically, Native Americans have not been honored and have died in the hospital. Cynthia will be honoring them and wants to create a healing atmosphere.

Emergency Preparedness: Preparing for a 15% cost reduction, but the Tribes will not be cut. The grant is changing to capability based, they will be following that.

DMAP: IHS rate has increased from 289 to 294, mass adjustment process.

SPD: Michael Stickler briefly discussed the SPAs for SPD which will be sent out to the Tribes.

DD Comprehensive Services: The 2011-13 Governor's Budget recommendations reflect various rate reductions to DD comprehensive services. The anticipated impact to Tribes is indirect. Tribes could be indirectly impacted if Tribal members are served through waiver services.

APD Home and Community Based Services: The 2011-13 Governor's Budget recommendations reflect proposed reductions to services under the HBCS waiver. The anticipated impact to Tribes is indirect. Tribes could be indirectly impacted if Tribal members are served through waiver services.

Targeted Case Management (TCM) for Developmentally Disabled Provider rate reductions: The 2011-13 Governor's Budget recommendations reflect provider rate reductions of 10% for TCM services. The anticipated impact to Tribes is indirect. Tribes may currently have members being served through the DD TCM program.

AMH: New contracts are going out. SPF/SIG, Caroline and Lisa on Tribal Board and Colby from NWPAlHB.

This was a competitive grant, but if things go well, each Tribe will receive \$50,000 for the next three years. All Tribal Coordinators need to be certified. 21 people will be in the cohort to be trained on ethics and cultural diversity and the three day prep training in September to prep for the test. A kick-off for SPF will be in August.

PRAMS: Ken Rosenberg discussed the program. Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a survey of the health of mothers and their two year old children. The survey is done before pregnancy and once the child is two years old.

Kathryn Broderick discussed an opportunity to enhance maternal and child health. Funding from the SCS/PRAMS to support this collaborative effort among Tribes, urban Indians and public health agencies.

Health Care Update

Judy Mohr Peterson discussed the SPA document that was emailed to the Tribes.

Hospital ProShare Upper Payment Limit Method: Most are technical changes that are believed to have no impact to the Tribes. If that is not the case, please contact Jesse Anderson at 503-945-6958 or by email at jesse.anderson@state.or.us.

Personal Care Services: Changes may have an indirect impact if Tribes have a facility that does personal care.

Drug Utilization Review Board will be abolished and establishes a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee that will bear the same responsibilities and assume Preferred Drug List development responsibilities.

There is a technical correction in the CHIP State plan, but there are no known Tribal organizations currently eligible as AAP / CAAO.

DME reimbursement change will alter the reimbursement method to 80% or less of the Medicare fee schedule. DMAP is also looking at reducing payments to pharmacy and non-emergency medical transportation, reducing dental rates, and home health, lab and X-ray reimbursement reductions. Also looking at reducing what we pay for physician services. While the anticipated impact would be indirect to Tribes (e.g. there is no known Tribal or IHS owned DME vendors). DME vendors may choose not to participate in Medicaid which may affect where Tribal members obtain their DME products. This may be the case with other health care providers as well.

DMAP will not be making across the board reductions to the FQHCs.

There have been a few Tribal Consultation meetings around the OHP redesign. The next Tribal Consultation meeting is scheduled for next week.

Action Item

Judy will check on the -4 amendments (in response to Eric Metcalf's question). Follow up: The -4s and other amendments to the Health Transformation bill (HB 3650) was discussed during the next Tribal Consultation meeting.

Healthy Kids

Cathy Kaufmann discussed the Healthy Kids Program. So far, 90,000 more kids have been added to the program. The data will be shared as soon as the information is available, 15 % increase in enrollment for Native American / Alaska Native children and would like to increase that percentage.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2011 Klamath Tribe will host.

Future Topics/Notes:

Cow Creek offered to host November meeting.

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