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7/27/17 TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING REPORT

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Introduction/Background

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Quarterly Tribal Consultation Meeting was held on 7/27/17 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Twin Arrows Navajo Nation Casino and Conference Center on the Navajo Reservation. Fifty-two individuals attended. Four tribes were represented which were the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and Pascua Yaqui Tribe. See Attachment Two for a list of attendees. The meeting agenda and all handout documents were posted on the ADHS Native American website in advance of the meeting.

Tribal Welcome Remarks

Dr. Glorinda Segay, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Department of Health (NNDOH) provided the welcome remarks. Her presentation included an overview of the Navajo Healthcare system, NNDOH priorities, tribal, state, and federal legislative and policy updates, need for tribes to participate in federal and state tribal workgroups, need to include traditional healing in health care and to include traditional healing in Intergovernmental Agreements with tribes, encouragement of ADHS leadership to be in attendance at tribal consultation meetings, sharing of statistics, guidance on services, importance of tribal languages and culture, and providing essential culturally appropriate services.

Agenda Presentation and Discussion Overview

The discussion agenda topics were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Certificate of Necessity, Drug/Opioid Overdose, State Oral Health Plan, and National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Capacity Scan. See Attachment Two for a copy of the meeting agenda.

EMS Certificate of Necessity (CON) and Geographical Boundaries

Ithan Yanofsky, Deputy Chief, Bureau of EMS & Trauma System (BEMS&TS), provided the presentation. Mr. Yanofsky commented that a system is being implemented at the BEMS&TS whereby all new CON applications will be reviewed for any geographical overlap of tribal reservation lands. Impacted tribes will be notified through agreed to contacts approved by Tribal Councils.

Tribal Governmental Comments:

- True tribal consultation is state representatives meeting with Tribal Councils.
- Meeting without Tribal Council leadership in attendance are work sessions.
- Tribal Consultation meetings need to be held on tribal reservation lands.
- The CON process was never discussed with the tribes.
- There is a need for AHCCCS reimbursement equality for tribal EMS entities. Tribal EMS entities serve remote reservation areas not served by anyone else.
- Tribal EMS entities receive approximately 1/3 of the Medicaid reimbursement provided to CON certified entities.
- ITCA has engaged a legal review of tribal EMS Medicaid reimbursement rates in reference to federal law including the permanent reauthorization of PL 94-437, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.
- Tribal definition of Tribal Consultation should be added to the ADHS Tribal Consultation Policy.
- Appropriated tribal EMS leadership should be invited to ADHS Tribal Consultation meetings.

ADHS Reply:

- Definition will be discussed with ADHS leadership.
- The ADHS Tribal EMS Work Group will be working on issues brought up today.

- All tribal EMS leadership personnel were informed about today's meeting.
- The BEMS&TS is working with some tribes. Impacted tribes will be informed about any new CON applications that overlap onto tribal reservation lands.
- AHCCCS pays a percentage of EMS CON rates approved by ADHS.

Drug/Opioid Overdose

Lacie Ampadu, Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention Manager, ADHS and Erica Weis, Epidemiologist, ADHS provided the presentation. They gave an overview of: 1) the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative, 2) actions and activities conducted per Governor Ducey's Opioid Overdose Public Health Emergency Declaration, and 3) the implementation of the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Teams per Arizona HB 2493.

Tribal Government Comments:

- The San Carlos Apache Tribal Council passed a resolution declaring an Opioid Public Health Emergency. The tribe has established an Opioid Work Group.
- There is a need for public education as the tribal public believes opioids are safe because doctors are prescribing them.
- Request for training and funding for prevention and treatment supplies.
- Who can the tribes contact for assistance? How is the state working with pharmacies issuing the medications? What are treatment alternatives?
- Work with ITCA on recommendation of names for the Tribal Government Representative for the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Team.

ADHS Reply:

- The San Carlos Apache Tribe is to be commended for their Opioid Public Health Emergency Declaration.
- Input received today will be very useful in the management of the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse initiative which includes providers and the public.
- Lacie Ampadu and Erica Weis can be contacted on any follow up inquiries and questions.
- ADHS works with pharmacists through the Pharmacy Board and the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

State Oral Health Plan

Julia Wacloff, Chief, Office of Oral Health, Bureau of Women's and Children's Health, ADHS and Jan Grutziaus, Oral Health Program Manager, Arizona Alliance of Community Health Centers, Inc. (AACHC) provided the presentation. The draft state oral health plan was developed in collaboration with the State Oral Health Coalition of which Jan Grutziaus is the Chairperson. A statewide oral health summit was held in May of this year. The last state plan was adopted in 2005.

Tribal Government Comments:

- What is the status of the \$1,000.00 oral health AHCCCS Medicaid emergency care benefit?
- There is a need for adoption of para professional Dental Health Aid Therapist positions on tribal reservations.

ADHS/AACHC Reply

- On-line oral health training will be available soon.
- Early childhood tooth decay and caries prevention education is very important.

Non-Tribal Government Comments:

- New AHCCCS RFP's for mental health and behavioral health integration should include oral health language.
- Arizona American Indian Oral Health Initiative program active in tribal communities.
- Arizona American Indian communities have the highest children oral health caries rates in the state and nation.
- There is a need for support for the Dental Therapists state legislative initiative.
- Establishment of a Native American oral health staff at ADHS.

ADHS/AACHC Reply

- The state Medicaid physical and behavioral health integration RFP is the responsibility of AHCCCS.

National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Public Health In Indian Country Capacity Scan

Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, Director, Public Health Policy and Programs, NIHB, provided the presentation. NIHB is currently finalizing a survey that will help to create a picture of public health capacity in Indian Country. The survey results will be compiled into a final report and shared with all of the tribes. NIHB will use the report, particularly the capacity building needs identified by the tribes, to advocate for congressional funding for tribal public health capacity support. Note: NIHB requested time on the ADHS agenda to provide this presentation. In the spirit of mutual support, ADHS leadership agreed to add this topic to today's agenda.

Comments:

- There will be a challenge in identifying and carving out public health activities at the tribal level.
- The Arizona Tribal/IHS/ADHS/CDC/ITCA Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever prevention and control effort is a model of intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration.
- There is a tribal funding equity issue with federal public health funding mostly going to state governments.

Reply:

- NIHB can provide one-on-one technical assistance to tribes filling out the survey.

Appreciation/Meeting Report

ADHS expresses sincere appreciation to all Tribal Leaders and Representatives and audience participants that took time out of their very busy schedules to attend the meeting and for providing comments and recommendations. Through email, this report will be distributed to Tribal Leaders, Health Directors, and meeting participants. The report will be posted to the ADHS Native American website on the Tribal Consultation Page.

Agenda

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)
Quarterly Tribal Consultation Meeting
Twin Arrows Casino Resort Dine' Event Center
Navajo Nation
7/27/17
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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| I. | Welcome/Blessing | 1:00 p.m. |
| II. | Tribal Welcome Remarks
Dr. Glorinda Segay, Executive Director, Navajo Nation
Department of Health | 1:10 p.m. |
| III. | Attendees Introductions | 1:20 p.m. |
| IV. | EMS Certificate of Necessity and Geographical Boundaries
Ithan Yanofsky, Deputy Chief, Bureau of EMS & Trauma System, | 1:30 p.m. |
| V. | Drug/Opiate Overdose
Lacie Ampadu, Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention Manager
Erica Weis, Epidemiologist, Bureau of Women's and Children's
Health, (BW&CH), ADHS | 2:20 p.m. |
| VI. | State Oral Health Plan
Julia Wacloff, Chief, Office of Oral Health, BW&CH, ADHS
Jan Grutzius, Oral Health Program Manager, Arizona Alliance of
Community Centers, Inc. | 3:10 p.m. |
| VII. | National Indian Health Board – Public Health in Indian Country
Capacity Scan
Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, Director, Public Health Policy and
Programs, NIHB | 4:00 p.m. |
| VIII. | Closing/Adjournment | 5:00 p.m. |

LIST OF ATTENDEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Tribe/Organization</u>
Dr. Glorinda Segay	Executive Director	Navajo Nation Dept. of Health (NNDOH)
Michele Morris	Legislative Analyst	NNDOH
Roland Todacheenie	Sr Programs & Projects Sp.	NNDOH
Roselyn Begay	Sr Programs & Projects Sp.	NNDOH
Lucinda Martin	Health Services Administrator	NNDOH
Mae-Gilene Begay	Program Director	NNDOH CHR Program
Lucy Bancroft	Community Health Representative (CHR)	NNDOH CHR Program
Katherine Nelson	SCHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Elrina Henderson	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Mabel Charles	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Betty John	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Roseita A. Cody	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Rose Yazzie	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Brenette Pine	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Marie Begay	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
George Crawford	CHR	NNDOH CHR Program
Donella Arrow	Clinical Specialist/Lead	NNDOH
Philene S. Herrera	Health Program Manager	NNDOH Health Education & HIV
Terrena Gee	Health Education Technician	NNDOH Health Education Program
Gerry Chee	HIV Health Educator	NNDOH Health Education Program
Fannie Jackson	HIV Health Education	NNDOH Health Education Program
Loren Bahe	Health Education Technician	NNDOH Health Education Program
Melissa Benally	Office Specialist	NNDOH Health Education Program
Theresa Galvan	Health Service Administrator	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Gen Holona	Clinical Director	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Miranda Blatchford	Clinical Director	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Charlene Begay	Principal Info. System Tech.	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Vera John	Clinical Director	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Virginia Arizona-Fat	Clinical Supervisor	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
Tammy Yazzie	Sr Prog. & Projects Sp.	NNDOH Behavioral Health Services
A.T. Siquah	Tribal Councilmember	Hopi Tribe
Anthony Huma	EMS Director	Hopi Tribe
Velazquez W. Sneezy Sr	Tribal Councilmember	San Carlos Apache Tribe
A.B. Ritchie	Tribal Attorney	San Carlos Apache Tribe
David Reede	Health Director and Board Member	San Carlos Apache Tribe/San Carlos Apache Tribe Healthcare Corporation
Vicki Began	CEO	San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corp.
Nella Ben	Board Member	San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corp.
Victoria M. Stevens, M.D.	Board Member	San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corp.
Rosa Rivera Yoeme	Health Administrator	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Linda Guerrero	Billing/Collections Supervisor	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Myra Gould	Health Education Technician	Gallup IHS
Kelly Bitsilly	Health Educator	Gallup IHS

Tina Yazzie
Alida Montiel
Kim Russell
Filmer Lalio
Gabriel Yaiva
Holly Figueroa
Jan Grutzus
Carolyn Angus-
Hornbuckle
Michael Allison
Lacie Ampadu
Erica Weis
Julia Wacloff
Ithan Yanofsky

Health Technician
Health Policy Director
Executive Director
Project Coordinator
Tribal Relations Officers
Cultural Comp/Tribal Services
Oral Health Program Manager
Director, Public Health Policy
and Programs
Native American Liaison
Inj. & Sub. Abuse Prev. Man.
Injury Prev. Epidemiologist
Chief, Office of Oral Health
Deputy Chief , BEMS&TS

Pinon IHS
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
AZ Adv. Council on Ind. Health Care
AZ Am. Indian Oral Health Initiative
Health Choice Integrated Care
Health Choice Integrated Care
AZ Alliance of Comm. Health Centers
National Indian Health Board

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